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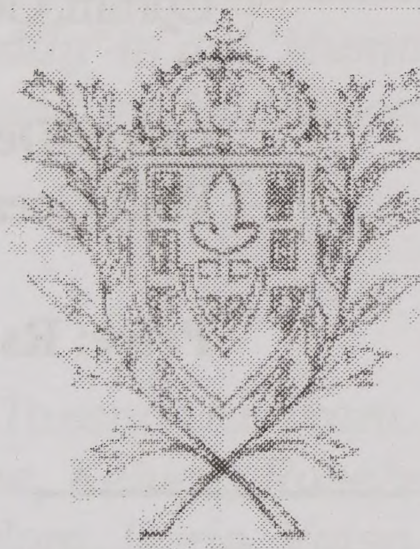
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ORPONN



Hem mhojem poilench pustok hanv mhojea
'Daddy'-in ani 'Mummy'-in
amkam voir kaddunk kaddlolea koxttam khatir
bhettoytam.

Toxench tumkam...
Dommy, Josephine, Kelven, Rosebud, Venesa, Ciena,
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- *Epifanio Valadares*

OVIXKARANCHI POTTLI SODDTANAM...

Borovp ek kola. Hi kola puray sonvsarantlea mon'xanchea angant asa. Punn sogleankuch ticho asvad gheunk kollonam va soglech ticho vikas korinant. Zannim ticho vikas kela, te borovpi zaleat, asvadok zaleat. Oxe toreche lok sonvsarbhorchea bhasamni amkam dixtti poddtat. Tantum borovpiank vhodd man. Kaim zann sonvsarik nam'nek pavleat ani tannim te patllicher puroskar zoddleat; zalear kaim zann aplea desant ani rajyant puroskar melloun apli kola vikasit korit asat. He kolechim angam mhollear kotha, kovita, nibon'd, kadombori, adi. Hangasor kadomborik nodrent dovorun mhoje vichar manddtam.

Mon'xa bhitor asloli hi kola Krist Yennea Adim legit disti poddta. Tantuntlim kaim famad gronth-rupi likhannam Krista Adim 1300 tem 1000 kallantlem *Sumerian Epic of Gilgamesh.* Bharoti kaviam modem Valmikin boroylolem *Ramayan* Krista Adim 400 kallavelem. Vyaas hannim boroylolem *Mahabharat* matxe tachea uprantchea kallantlem. *Iliad* ani *Odyssey* him pustokam Hamer hachim Krista Adim 900 te 800 hea kallant boroylolim. Virgil hachem *Aeneid* Krista Adim 29-19 kallantlem famad pustok. Tea kallar aiche porim kagod naslem, torui tannim apli borovpachi kola lokam mukhar haddli.

Jezuchea yennea uprantlem famad borovp zaun asa Povitr Pustok *(Bible),* ani Tannem vachpiank ek novem moddon haddlem. Tea uprant 7vea xekddeant Banabhattchem *Kadambari* hem pustok. Ikravea xekddeant Murasaki Shikibuchi *Tale of Genji,* baravea xekddeant Hayy ibn Yaqdhan hannem borem gronth-borovp kelem. Teravea xekddeant amkam bore kadomborichi nond mellta ti *Theologus Autodidactus* ji Ibn al-Nafis hannem boroyloli. Chovdhavea xekddeantli

famad kadombori zaun asa *Romance of the Three Kingdoms,* Luo Guanztiong hannem boroyloli. 1678 vorsa uzvaddak ailoli Marie de La Fayette hachi *La Princesse d Cleves* hi ek puray kadombori mhonn gazli. Punn titlich fanki asli 1010 vorsak *Tale of Genji* hi kadombori.

Zoxe mullache prosn khandianchea prosnank sor korunk zatat te porim pustok ani sahityachea vistarachem zalem. Kagod *(Paper)* sodun kaddlem ani tachem natem sahitya kodde ailem, tednam tacho choddant chodd upyog zaunk laglo. Haka lagun, vingodd-vingodd prantamni toyar zavpi sahityacho vikas ani vistar zaunk laglo. Sahityachem dennem ani ghennem suru zalem. Prokaxonnam khatir bazarpetth nirmann zali. He bazarpetthent sahityache nove bhaxen zolm' ghetlo ani Spanish, French German, Dutch ani English hea bhasamni sahityache bazarpetthent uddi ghetli. Ekunnisavea xekddeant hacho khubuch vistar zalo. Survek Russia, United States, Scandinaria ani Latin Amerika hea raxttramni sahityak khub posvonn dili. Magir Asia ani Afrikache sahityakar hea lharant rigle. Tednam kadombori mhollear probodhonachem sonvsarik madeom tharlem. Hea probhavak lagun sahitya somikxa ani puroskarancho ugom' zalo.

Probodhon lokxant dovorun, kadombori mhollear ek prosong sangunk ek borem sadon oxem mukhar yevnk laglem. Mon'xacher zavpi ot'teachar, rajki ghodda-moddichem chitronn, militari ani raxttram modem zhuzanchem vornnon korunk kadombori yukt vatt zali. Kadomborikaramni hacho bhorpur asvad ghetlo. Tantuntuch vilokxonn kolponam *(fiction)* manddpiank khub magnni toyar zali. Dhormik sahitya toyar zatalench, punn taka magnni nasli, ti magnni rup gheunk lagli.

Puray sonvsarant kadombori sahityacher nodor marlear, sorjonxil kadomborik chodd magnni asa. Tantum kalponik sahityacho aspav zata. Tache fattofatt

itihasik kadombori, magir mogacheo ani prernnatmok kadombori khopta.

Konknni kadombori ful'li ti romansinchea rupan. Jose Bruno de Souza hannem boroyloli *Kristanv Ghorabo* hi poili kadombori oxi mandtat, punn te adim-i anik asunk zai oso zannkarancho odmas asa. Te uprant aplea penachea nettan kadombori gheun mukhar aile te Antonio Francisco de Siolim, Antonio Carvalho, Eliot de Elly, Caridade Damacian Fernandes, Dioginho De Mello, Reginald Fernandes, Alfred Rose, Joao Inacio de Souza, Anthony Menezes sarke khampe borovpi. Konknni lokank vachpa kodde haddpi he poile monis. Halinchea kallar Pundalik Nayak, Bonaventure D' Pietro, Damodar Mauzo, Mahabaleshwar Sail, Hema Nayak, Jess Fernandes, Devidas Kadam sarke borovpi-i porzolltat. Hea sogleanchea koxttank lagun az Konknni kadombori raxttrik panvddear pavlea.

Oxe fattbhuimier *Quality Control Engineer* ani Konknni machievelo kolakar Epifanio-bab Valadares aplea penachi likhnni kadomborichea rupan gheun aila. Kadombori borovp vhodd-vhodd borovpiank azun legit zomunk nam tem avhan Epifanio-baban svikarlem, he khatir taka amchi adim fuddench porbim. *Gulf*-achea desant potta khatir ravun Konknnichi seva korpi bhov thodde. Tumkam amchem noman. Hanv hea borovpiak porxim vollkonam, punn tachem borovp vachun khubuch probhavit zalom, ani taka ut'tejon-urba diunk kaim suchovnneo keleo teo tannem mandun ghetleo mhonn khub borem dislem. Kallzache kholayek thaun Konknnichi seva korpiank mhozo solam'.

Mon'xan soddlear Dev soddinam hea bhorvanxear borovpi apli kadombori vachpiachea hatant ghalta. Ek avoy-bapuy naslolo tornnato Kudov, eka sadaronn bhurgea bhaxen, trasantlean aplem jivit sarta ani soimbache oddchonnintlean vatt kaddunk gineanacho vapor korta. Matso xanno-i zata. Ek dis

tench taka buzta ani tras sosunk zainam zaun ganv soddun pollun veta. Kadomborichi survat Pen-de-Tona hea lhanxea zunvear zata, ani hea zunveachea sutrantuch ti bandun urta. Pen-de-Tona zunveak ghunvun-ghunvun rongant haddta to Kudov, kadomborichem mukhel patr. Toch kadomboricho nayok.

To Marcel pavta ani Gonnpoticheo murti korpi Shannoichea adaran aplem jivit jiyeta. Thoim tachea putachem mogachem jivit to laginchean polleta ani xikta. Hangach to jivitantlo dusro akant polletanam, ek dis potracher tachea ganvant ek voxeachem duens patoll'lam ani lok morunk lagleat mhonn vachta. Tachean koxench ravunk zainam, ani to aplea ganvant vochpacho nirnnoy gheta. Punn ganvant vochunk sorkaran bondi ghaloli asta. Tedea vellar, taka bud yeta. Ek pavtt tachea titivan koxe toren ti nod hupun ganvant proves kelolo tacho taka ugddas ailo, ani tech dhortorecher to konnak kollonastanam ganvant bhitor sorta. Hanga borovpiachi hikmot disun yeta. Ganvant bhitor sorun thoim aslolea vhodd-vhodd dotoram kodde zaunk nam toslem kam' korun ganvchem duens nam korta. Hi ojapachi gozal vachtanam borovpiachi tokhnnay korit titli thoddi.

Aplem kam' somplea uprant to portun ek pavtt ganv soddta, ani Mongllur pavta. Thoim ek girest mon'xachea cheddvachea mogant poddta, ani sodam porim tachea-i jivitant ghoddta. To ek gorib mhonn cheddvacho bapuy taka dhanvddaun ghalta. Tednam eke mogache kanniek *brake* lagta. Koxe-i bhaxen aplea mogak jikhpacho to nichev korta, ani Kankonn eka mekanika fuddeant pott bhorunk ravta. Thoinch to udkacher gaddi cholpachem injin korun novo ovixkar korta. Tache khustar khub duddu komayta ani aplea mogiache sodik veta. Duddvancho vapor korun mogak zoit melloyta.

Punn titlean kadombori somponam. *Honeymoon* korunk mhonn to Mumboi veta, thoinch kanniek moddon yeta ani to ek krur monis zata. Nepalak veta ani mon'xachea monant kitem asa tem sodun kaddpachem yontr toyar korta. Punn tannem kelole ovixkaranchi jirvonn zainasli dekun, pulis taka sodun kaddtat ani dhorun portun Gõyant haddtanam tanchem viman akantak sampoddta. Tedea vellar portun ek pavtt to novea vicharamni kitleach lokancho jiv vattayta. Tannem zaite guneanv keleat mhonn taka korttant hajir kortat tednam, Kudovachem kitem zata hem sodun kaddunk hanv vachpiank dovortam.

Kallzache Kholayek Thaun hi ek bori kadombori. Dotorponnachem xikop nastanam voxeachem duens pois korop, udkacher cholpi gaddianchem injin toyar korop, pulisank adar korop, mon vachpachem yontr toyar korop, noketram-xastr ani nimannem vokilponn. Kitle mhonn ek monis aplea jivitant ovixkar korunk xokta? Kudov hachi zap dita. Dekun, protek Konknni mon'xan ticho asvad gheunk zai. Punn Konknniche Romi lipintlean vachinant tanchem kitem? Hea khatir tichem Nagrintlean lipientor zaunk zai oxem mhaka dista, je vorvim Romi lipint kitle khoddegantt kolponik borovpi asat tem puray Konknni somazak kollun yetolem, ani Romi lipichea sahityak dorzo nam, mol nam mhonntoleanchim tonddam bond zatolim.

Hanv Epifanio-babak soglem yes anvddetam, ani tache kolpona-xoktentlean oxech anik zaite ovixkar amkam vachunk melltole mhonn ast ballgitam.

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KALLZACHE KHOLAYEK THAUN

Fattlim 22 vorsam Dalgado Konknni Akademi *(DKA)* Romi lipientlean Konknnichi udorgot korunk thambonastanam vavrot asa. Konknni bhaxek Romi lipintlean khubuch yogdan favo zalam, uprant tem sahityachea romasinchea va kadomborinchea, tiatranchea, kantar-gitanchea, kothanchea, kovitanchea, ek-anki nattkanchea, *adi.* rupantlean zaum. Bhaxechea hea soglea prokaramni, Romi lipientlean Konknnik ap-aple porim girest kelea, ani tika girest ķorta-korta tika bhas mhunn mozbut korpacho-i sufollayecho proyton kelo. Hem yesesviponn Konknnichea niz mogianchea tyagank lagon favo zalem.

Survatek thaun DKA sorkarachea pan-duddvancho palov nastanam vavrot fuddem sorlea. Rajbhas Kaido pas zaun tevis odik vorsancho kall sorlo, torui Konknnichi Romi lipi azun-ui jivi asa. Tantuntlean azun-ui veg-vegllea sahitya prokarachim pustokam uzvaddak yetat, karyavolli zatat. Hem polleun, 2008-2009 Arthik Vorsa thaun Gõy Sorkaran DKA-k pondra lakh rupiyanchem onudan monzur kelem. Az tem vis lakh rupiancher pavlam. Punn hem onudan favo zaunche poilim, mhonnche 2007-2008 vorsa, DKA-cho odheokx mhunn jednam hanvem sutram hatant ghetlim, tednam DKA-chea nanvar benkint sat'tavis hozar rupiya voir duddu nasle. DKA-che duddvanche oxe poristhitent Romi lipientlean Konknnichi kitli ani koxi udorgot korum yeta tacher ami kholayen vichar kelo. Tednam, itlim vorsam niz Konknni mogianchea udarponnan DKA-cho vavr fuddem gelo tacher amchem mon gelem. Promannikponnan Konknnicho vavr korit ravpachem, duddu apo-ap ani koxe-i toren yetole, tacho husko korpachi goroz nam oxem ami chintlem. Ani Konknni sahityache udorgotik hat launk ami poilem pavl ubarlem – Konknni Kadombori. Kiteak, Konknniche Romi lipientlean fattlim sabar vorsam Kadomboricho

prokar konnuch kellounk fuddem sorunk nam tacho amkam husko zal'lo. Te khatir, DKA-n borovpiam khatir Kadombori borounchi kam'sall *(workshop)* ghoddoun haddli, ani te kam'sallechea xevottak Kadombori borounchi spordha jahir keli. Ani te spordhe khatir, poilem inam' pondra hozar rupiya, ani dusrem inam' dha hozar rupiya duddu dovorlem. Punn benkint mat titlo duddu naslo. Xevttim Kadombori spordhe khatir hatborpam ailim. Ani tednachean hi spordha atam dor vorsa DKA ghoddoun haddta. Fattlea vorsa, DKA-che kadombori spordhe khatir *Kallzache Kholyek Thaun* he kadomborichem-i hatborop ailolem. Az tench hatborop DKA-che *Kombri Yevzonne* khal pustokachea rupan uzvadda yeta tem polleun DKA-k khuxalkay bhogta, ani tech khuxalkayen DKA-chea nanvan Epifanio-bab Valadaresak porbim ditam.

Romi lipintlean Konknni mollar, sahityachea veg-veglle prokar kellovpachi DKA-k borich umed ani umollxik asa. Fokot tika zai tem, te-te prokar kellounk fuddem sorpi borovpi. Konknnichea sahitik mollar borovpi mhonn eka borovpiak zo-zo adar zai, titlo-i adar diunk DKA raji asa. Fokot borovpiamni apli khuxich ugtaunk zai. Oxem korun, DKA Konknniche Romi lipintlean boroytoleank zata titlem ut'tejon diun, Konknni bhas anik-ui fular haddpachea disancher dollo dovorun asa.

Konknni bhas samballche khatir DKA sahityachea veg-vegllea prokaranchim pustokam uzvaddaunk borovpiank mozot korta. Tim vachpiamni viktim gheun, tantuntle bhaxechi ruch ani goddsann chakchi, ani vangddach Konknni bhas Romi lipintlean paleunk ani fulounk vavurchem mhonn anvddetam.

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Dalgado Konknni Akademi
Ponnji, Gõy

SAHITYACHO POILO CHIRO UBARTANAM...

Penha-de-Franca Saibinn Maim, amche askarinnichem nanv gheun hea mhojea vavrachi survat kortam.

Hanv *Gulf*-ant nokri kortanam mhaka khub mekllo vell melltalo. 'Ogddayolo vell porot mellonam' him utram niyallun oxem dislem, Devan dilolea dennea khatir hea vellacho vapor korcho. Mhozo *laptop* ugto kelo ani tacher aslolea okxoranchea borddacher bottam dhaddaunk suru kelem. Okxoram ekttaim korun panam zalim, ani pananchem pustok kednam zalem tem khoboruch nam.

Mhoji vollok, dogam bhoinnim modlo gharacho hanv ekloch put. Mhojem Iznerponnachem xikop purem korun, az *Quality Control Engineer* mhonn hanv *Gulf*-ant nokri kortam. Promannikponnan sangchem zalear, Konknni bhaxecho mog mhoje familichea ani mhojea rogtantuch asa. Mhozo bapuy, Joaquim Valadaresan ganvant sabar tiatr dakoyle ani borench nanv zoddlem. Mhoji vhoddli bhoinn, Josephine hika Devan dilolea gavpachea denneak lagon, tiatra udexim Gõychea chear konnxamni aplea godd tallean gavunk bhag favo zalem. Mhoji dhaktti bhoinn, Rosebud hika Devan xikpachea mollar gineanachi huxarkay dilea. Tinnem aplem *Engineering*-achem xikop purem kelam, ani ti atam *Engineering* Kolejint *lecturer* mhonn vavurta. Ani amchea hea zoitivont fuddara fattlean mhoji avoy, Ana Maria asa hem mhaka obhimanan sangchem poddta. Devan he mhoje familik dilolea denneam khatir hanv dhin'vaxi ani upkari.

Mhoje bhitor asloli hi borovpachi kola hanv mhoje firgoje udexim vollkunk pavlom. Dekun, hea vavrachem soglem xrey Penha-de-Franca Saibinn Maink bhettoytam. Hem mhojem poilech pustok, *Kallzache*

Kholayek Thaun tichea mata khal ravun uzvadda haddunk mhaka dupettin khuxalkay bhogta. Firgojent, zaitea kariavollimni bhag gheun, hanvem rochlolim nattkulim ani tiatr dakoyle. Ganvchea loka modem zoddloli hi xabaski, hem pavl ubarunk az mhaka ek boll zalem.

Konknni bhaxecho uzo lhanponnaruch thaun mhojea kallzant zolltalo ani bhogbhogtalo. Hanv sotra vorsanche pirayecho astanam, mhozo poilo lekh 'Avoi Bhaxechea Utranchem Mol' *Gulab* masikacher uzvadda ailo tednam mhaka kitli mhonn khuxalkay bhogchi? Hea lekha udexim hanvem Konknni sahityachea somdirant poilem pavl ghalem.

Ho mhozo vavr sufoll zaunk, mhoji dhaktti bhoinn, Rosebud hicho mhaka kherit sangat mell'lo. Tinnem he kadomborichea hat-borpa khatir ekttaim keloli barik-sarik mahiti, hem pustok purem zaunk mol-mhotvacheo ani gorjecheo tharleo. Tea bhair, kallzache kholayek thaun mhojea ghorcheancho, ani mhojea jivitachea dor eka moddnnar mhaka mell'lolea mhojea ixttancho hanv upkari. Hea soglea borem magpiam udexim hanvem sonvsar eke veglle nodren pollelo, ani hakach lagon hem pustok mhojea vantteak ailolea girest onnbhovamni nettounk pavlom.

Hem mhojem pustok uzvaddak haddunk mhaka *Kombri Yevzonn*-e khal mozot dilole Dalgado Konknni Akademicho *(DKA)* hanv kallzant thaun upkari. DKA-n mhojea sarkea novea tornnateacho vavr uzvadda haddunk mozot korun, mhoje bhitorli Konknni borovpachi umed jiti-jivi dovorunk ek madeom zali dekun, he sonvsthechi vakhann'nni korunk utram unnim poddtat.

Bhaxeche nodrentlean, goroz thoim mhojem borovp Jose Salvador Fernandesan zagear ghalam, favo te bhaxen manddlam ani tea vorvim hi kadombori vachpiam khatir ruchik korpacho proyotn kela.

Hanv kallzantlean kherit bhaxen Vincy-bab Quadrosak dhin'vaxi. To itlea somajik vavrant buddlolo astanam-i mhojea sahitya prokara khatir aplea gorjechea vellacho boroch tyag kela. Aplea sahitik onnbhovachea fatrar tannem mhoji borpavoll ghansun ti chokchokit korunk mozot kelea. Tea bhair, aplea omolik ani kherit utramni he mhoje kadombori khatir *Prostavona* boroyli. Tacho ho soglo adar sodanch mhojea kallzant upkaracho divo zaun zollot ravtolo.

Sir Tomazinho Cardozo hanche-i hanv upkar attoytam. Hi kadombori uzvadda yevnk tannim mhaka chanttie-pavlak margdorxon kelem. Mhoje he kadomborichem hat-borop gheun hanv poilech pavtt tanchea fuddeant gelom, tednam tannim dilolo tenko mhaka kherit ani khori ghottay zali.

Hanv pordesant astanam legit, unch ul'lekh kelolea teg-ui manestamni hi mhoji kadombori vevosthit ritin uzvadda yevchi mhonn aplea buzancher bhar ghetlo, ani mhojem pustok uzvadda yevpachem sopon az sakar kelem. Konknni ani mhoje khatir kelole tanche tyag sodanch mhojea kallzant upkaranchem ghor korun astole.

Mhoje he kadomborik agllo-vegllo rong yevcho mhonn, Willy-bab Goesan kadomborik sobta toslench kovor toyar kelem. Tea bhair, Lorry-bab D'Souzan mhojea pustoka khatir prokaxon *logo* toyar kelo. Tanche-i upkar mhojea kallzant gantt marun dovorleat.

Xevttim, hem mhojem pustok vachpiank-ui mhoje dhin'vas. Vachpiank-ui Konknnicho mog asa dekun, oxe toren pustokam boroun uzvaddaunk ani Konknni bhaxechim pallam-mullam mozbut korunk, mhojea sarkea tornnateank urba, ut'tejon ani ghottay mellta.

Dev Borem Korum.

Epifanio Valadares

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Mon'xachem jivit chearuch disanchem thikann
Hea chear disamni thoddeamni oslem kitem korun dovorlem
Ak'khea sonvsaran tanchea vavrak bagoyli man
Ani sasnnak omor kele tankam itihasant
Te hem sogle korunk pavle
Te vavurle mhonn kallzache kholayek thaun...

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Mon'xan soddlear Dev soddinam.

Hanv khobor kortam ti tuje ani mhoje sarke Devache rochnnechi. Sonvsari jivitant mon'xak monis soddta, punn Devacho ghutt Devuch zannam. Dekun, zaka sonvsar soddta tachem noxib rochnnar boroyta, ani oxem boroyta ki pillgiancheo pillgi sorun gelear-ui, dor eklo Tachem nanv aplea tonddar zhoroyta.

Pen-de-Tona' ho Gõy rajyantlo ek sobit ganv. Ho ganv ek zunvo. Chear-ui vattamni udkan bhonvaddo ghalolo. Pois ravun doryachea udkant ufeta kai distalo. Thoinchim pachvi char zhaddanchim panam, ani doryachim lharam tachi sobitay odikuch vaddoytalim.

Hea ganvant kristanv ani hindu dhorun sumar chearxi teo sadde-chearxi famili ravtaleo, ani ek-don ghoram musolmananchim aslim. Xarant thaun hea ganvant vochunk feribott dhorchi poddtali.

Konn-ui vattsurean ratchea att vorancher poltoddi thaun hea ganvcher nodor marlear, taka ho ganv

samko xant distalo. Oxem distalem, ghov-bailam aplea gharamni bosun gozali marun mogan vell sartalim, zannteanchi modian zalea, tornnatim obheas kortat, zalear avoyo aplea supurleank khattir ghalunk anj-boddveacheo kannio sangtalim.

Punn poltoddi ravun odmas korta toso ho zunvo naslo.

Hea ganvchea lokacho dis, ratchea attank suru zatalo mhonnum yeta. Ganvche dadle bar'ramni ani tanchi dek gheun tornnate-i aplo tallo sorean olo korunk fattim nasle.

Hixeob kelear, sumar panch kilometranchea rostear unninch pondra bar'ram aslim. Him soglim bar'ram ratchea dha horancher bond zatalim, punn tanchea soreachi noxea ratchea bara, ek horar va kednam-i sokallim zaisor astali. Konn aple bailek martalo, zalear konn aple baile koddchean mar khatalo. Konn pozddim utram uloytalo, zalear konn dusrea disa uttun xetant poddlolo melltalo.

Itlench nhoi. Ganvchea tinttear khub nattkam choltalim. Karddamni khellop, mottko lavop ani her jugar tor ratbhor chaluch aslem. Choddxe dadle zoddloli zodd oxich ogddaytale. Fuddli pillgi hech chalin vaddtali, ani purvozamni sthaplole vaitt gunn anik-ui nettan fuddem vhortali. Ho kheddo ganv xara pasun eksuro aslo dekun, hangasorlea lokak dusreanchi dek gheun sudarpachi ani aple chalint bodol haddpachi sondi mellonasli.

Ganv doryache deger aslo dekun, hea ganvchea lokacho mukhel dhondo nustem marop aslo. Tea bhair,

xetam ani her-ui pikam kaddtalo. Oxe toren torekvar lok veg-vegllo vavr korun aplo disvoddo soddoytalo.

Ganvchea tinttear dor disa bazar bhortalo. Tinttear kaim khannavollichim dukanam ani veparache posre asle, punn tanchea poros dobradan soreachim bar'ram aslim. Tea bhair ek lhanso dovakhanno *(clinic)* ani hea dovakhanneant dor disa Dotor Rupesh Vernekar topasunk yetalo.

Dotor Vernekar ekdom' famad monis, ani aplea vevsayant khub onnbhov aslolo. Khoinchea duensak koxe toren pekovnni diunk zai hem tor bes-boro zannam aslo. Ani zanchim duensam tachea hata bhair astalim, tea piddevontank ilaza khatir to xarantlea vhoddlea hospitalant dhaddtalo.

Tea xivay, voir dongrar ek Igorz asli, ani te igorjent bhurgeank xikpachem iskol. Hi igorz ani iskol, purtugez tempar thaun Fransiskan padri choloytale.

Gõychea choddxea dusrea ganvamni ghoddtalem, toxem he-ui ganvchea loka modem ghoddtalem. Mhonnche, disantlean xezariam modem zhogddim, zalear ratchea vellar ghov-bailam modem kizilam. Konn soreak lobdololo, zalear konn her vaitt visank bolli poddlolo. Thodde, haddli podd ani moddli podd oxe ritin faleanchem chintinastanam bin'das jiyetale, zalear thodde faleanchem chintun pott zomnik tenkoun nhidtale. Thodde folgank melole, zalear thodde duddu ekttaim kortale.

Ani hanchea sogleam modem Kudov...

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Sogle taka Kudov mhonntale. Heach ganvant to zolmolo, ani dusrea bhurgeam sangata bhonvtalo. Horxim tachem sarkem nanv Kudov naslem. Kudov ek suknnem, jem doryache deger asta, ani doryantlem nustem dhorun aplem pott bhorta. Her suknneam ani Kudov suknnea modem ontor asa ti tache xempddiecher. Tachi xempddi fokot halot asta. Ani tache he halte xempddiek lagon, hem suknnem kednach eka zagear uronam. Kudovak-ui tich sonvoym asli. Atanch hanga aslear, rokddoch dusrea zagear distalo. Hem kitem ani tem kitem. Sonvsarantli barikantli barik vost zannam zavpachi tachi itsa. Kitem-i korum naka mhonnlear, to tem kortaloch.

Tachem khorem nanv kitem tem ganvant konnakuch khobor nasli. Punn lhan toxe vhodd taka Kudov mhonntale.

"Mhojea puta, tum amchea ganvchea padrichea iskolant xikun ek vhodd monis zalolo mhaka zai." Kudovache avoyn Kudovak sanglem. Tednam to sumar panch vorsanche pirayecho aslo. "Sanjer mhaka vell mellta tednam, hanv tuka thoddem kitem xikoytam. Okosmat iskolant gelear tuka tem kollchem nam." Oxe toren tinnem Kudovak tachem nanv, tachea avoy-bapaychem nanv, ani her kaim gozali ghora kodde xikoyleo. Ani tednach taka aplem sarkem nanv Kudov nhoi, punn 'Solomon Alvares' mhonn gomun ailem.

Mukhamollan samko gulgulit ani goro-goro paklo distalo. Punn to zhaddam-peddamni bhonvtalo dekun, tachea angar ekttovlolo chikol ho tacho dhovo rong lipoytalo. Tachea gorea ronga poros tache dolle pollevpa sarke asle. Ekdomuch attve. Suri pazlea

uprant apli dar dakoyta toxi tachea dolleanchi nodor asli. Tachi nodor osli asli, to kosle-i vostucher nodor ghalit zalear to te vostuk aplea dolleamni khata kai distalo. Matheache kens khoinchean aile ani khoim vetat tem kainch kollonaslem. Samko sonn'nnancho kato. Ekech pavttin sangtolo zalear, taka udkan saf korun dhovim, chokchokit angvostram ghalit zalear, sorgar thaun anj-boddvo denvun aila oxem mhonnonk konnuch fattim sorchonaslo.

Kudovachi avoy, to sumar sov vorsanche pirayecho astanam hea sonvsarak ontorli. Ekdom' bori ostori asli. Lhan utranchi ani koxtti. Lokanchea gharamni kamak vetali, zalear kednam-i xetant vavraddi koxi vavurtali. Oxi kosli-i chakri korun aplo ghorabo choloytali. Tika koslench duens naslem, punn ek dis gharant meloli mell'li. Lokak khatri asli, tika jivexim marlea. Solomonacho bapuy Juanv khub soro piyetalo. Sirvis doddachi korinaslo, ani aple potinnichi zodd to moddun kabar kortalo. Voilean tika khub martalo. Ani zait ghoddie, hea bebdean soreachea nadar aple potinnicho gomtto fugar kelo astolo. Punn oslea bebdeak kheastichem formonn diun koslo faido? Odik korun, Juanvak pulisamni dhorun vhelear tachea sov vorsanche pirayechea putache hal zatole, hench niyallun ganvchea lokamni pulisek tinnem ap-khuxen aplo jiv sompoylo oxem sanglolem.

Sorpak nollientlean kitlo-i pasar korun kaddlear to kosoch nitt, ubo sorpottun cholunk xokchonam. Sorop to sorop, aple zatir porot yetoloch. Toso ho Juanv. Ganvchea lokamni tachea putachea churchureank lagon, taka potinniche kirmintlo salvar kelolo zait, punn hem tanchem karia konnakuch kosloch faido

haddpa sarkem naslem.

Kudovachi avoy sompli teach disamni ganvant ek novo padri vigar ailo. Tache avoycho inter hea padri vigarak Pen-de-Tona ganvant poilo aslo. Ticho inter korunk ganvchea lokamni suskrisanv kaddlolem. Punn mel'le kuddik lagu zavpi vostu soddun, tachea bapayn padri vigarak mis bhettovpache duddu porian farik korunk nasle. Te duddu tannem soreak moddlole.

Padri vigar tachi poristhiti somzotalo, punn tachea sov vorsanche pirayechea putacho fuddar chintun mat taka husko zatalo. Sodanch aplea rozarant tache khatir kherit magnnem kortalo.

Juanv koslo-i vavr kortalo. Kam' korun zoddlolea duddvamni thoddem jevonn haddtalo ani urlole soreak moddtalo. Kudovak pottak chukun kednam-i jevonn melltalem, nam zalear bhuk laglear to somtoch igorjent dhanvtalo. Padri vigarak tachi khub doya distali dekun, to aplea pottak unnem korun taka khann ditalo. Ani Kudov-ui goroz tea kamamni aplea kodde ghoddta te bhaxen padri vigarak adar ditalo.

Punn Kudovacho igorjentlo sonvsar ek aslo, ani ganvant tacho sobhav urfatto aslo. Ganvant to mosto ani vadeu bhurgo. Angar pinzlole kopdde astale. Ganvchea soglea lokak sotaytalo. Konnachim toram fatravop, zalear anik konnache chiku kaddop. Kazucheo biyo chorun haddop, zalear perimvelim peram nanch korop. Bhurgeponn tem. Bori dek ani rit xikounk konnuch naslo, bebdea bapayche savllent to vaddtalo. Punn lok khoim somzotalo? Apunn apnnak, ani padricho sermanv somestank. Tache il'le-il'le guneanv gheun lok taka kenddtale. Apnna ani aplea

bhurgeam pasun taka pois dovortale. Kochrea poros paxtt kortale.

Bhurgeanchim avoy-bapuy gineananchim mon'xam aslim, torui tanche modlim konn Kudovak 'rostad ailo,' nam zalear 'tum hea ganvchi pidda. Tum hea ganvant aslear amche bhurge kirmidor ani chor zatole' oxem mhonntalim. Nennar bhurgo to. Tea utrancho orth porian taka somzonaslo. Dekun aikota titloch vell. Konnem-i thapott marlear fator kaddun xevttitalo. Utramni kitlem-i vaitt uloy. Tokli haloytalo. Konnem-i koslem-i kam' sanglear kortalo. Thoddim zannam tache kodde kam' korun ghetalim ani taka ek choklett diun fottoytalim.

Tea ganvant yetolea dor eka padri vigarak igorjentlo vavr samballche samballun, anik ek kherit zababdari samballchi poddtali. Iskolachea prinsipalachi kodel. Firgojechem iskol firgojechea adaran choltalem dekun, hi-ui podvi takach samballchi poddtali.

"Solomon iskolak vetolo?" Ek dis padri vigaran Kudovak vicharlem. To chintunk poddlo.

"Buk bi haddunk poixe konn ditolo?" Kudovan padri vigarak vicharlem.

"Tem tum kainch chintum naka. Faleam sokallim toyar zaun yo. Hanv tuka amchea iskolant bhorti kortam."

"Xikpacho her khorch bagounk mhojean zaunchem nam fador."

"Tem hanv polletam nhoi?"

Koslich addkholl nastanam padri vigaran Kudovachi bhorti gànvchea iskolant keli. Tacho xikpacho soglo khorch padri vigaran apnnacher ghetlo. Ani Kudov-ui aplem xikop huxarkayen ani umedin korunk laglo.

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Iskolache don buk xiklea uprant, Kudov apunn boroch huxar zala mhonn somzotalo. Aplea jivitant anik zaitem yevpachem asa mhonn to visorlolo.

"Solomon, tum atam att vorsanche pirayecho zala. Komunyanv kednam ghetolo?" Padri vigaran taka vicharlem. Hea novea prosnan Kudov ghuspolo, punn tannem apnnakuch samballun ghetlo.

"Tum dita tednam ghetam fador." Kudovan nixpap zap dili.

"Dotorn'n bi xikunk naka?"

"Kitem-kitem xikpachem tem sang fador, hanv rokddoch xiktam."

"Hanv xikoytam tem xiktolo mu?"

"Hoi fador."

"Chol, mhoje borabor yo." Poilo komunyanv diunchea vicharan, ani konnakuch sulus lagunk dinastanam padri vigaran taka igorjent Povitr Sakramenta fuddeant vhelo.

"Hanga dimbi ghal ani dolle bond kor." Padri

vigarachem mhonn'nnem tannem aikolem, ani dimbi ghalun dolle bond kele. Padri vigaran-ui aple dolle bond kele ani tache tokler hat dovorun magnnem korunk laglo –

"Dhonia. Hea inosent anj boddveacho fuddar tujea hatant ghaltam. Hi tuji kudd taka ghottay zaum. Tachea jivitant to khub feliz zaum, tunch taka rakh ani samball."

Magnnem korun padri vigaran zoxe aple dolle ugoddle, tednam tannem ek dhovo parvo yevn Kudovachea uzvea buzar boslolo pollelo. Padri vigarak hem ek ojap aslem. To sarkoch thottaklo. "Sert, Devan hea bhurgea khatir kitem tori attvench rochlam." Padri vigaran porot ek pavtt Devak noman kelem.

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Vorsachea vorsak ganvcho padri vigar ani firgojeche vangddi mellun, ganvchea bhurgeank *Sports Day* kortale. Hantum ganvchim khubxim bhurgim bhag ghetalim. Kudov lhan aslo tednachean ho ak'kho dis firgojechea moidanar sartalo. Ak'khem voros to hea disak axeun ravtalo. Bhurgim khellachea moidanar dhanvpache, saikol cholovpache, sakant vochun dhanvpache resint bhag ghetalim, uprant tankam inamam favtalim hem soglem polleunk taka khub umed yetali. Tea vellar, *Sports*-achi Somiti tednachea tednam *suprise prizes* jahir korun bhurgeank machier apoun inamam ditali tem taka khub avoddtalem.

Zache kodde novo poiso asa, va konnache kens

khub lamb asat, konnachem kalsanv futtlam, oxe torechea gozalink *suprise prizes* astalim. Eka vorsa, *sports*-achea disak *suprise* inama khatir ulo marlo - 'konnachea-i banianak burak asa zalear, tannem hangasor yevn inam' vhorchem.' Kudov sodanch burkanchem banien ghaltalo, punn tea vorsa *sports*-achea disak tannem novem banien ghalolem dekun tem inam' dusroch gheun gelo. Hem polleun Kudov bejar zalo, ani tea vorsa thaun vorsachea vorsa to *sports*-achea disak pinzlolem banien ghalun vetalo. Aplea pinzlolea banienak lagon apnnak machier apoun vhortole ani apnnak inam' favo zatolem hi tache axea asli. Punn uprant toxem kednach ghoddunk nam.

He-ui vorsa *sports*-acho dis lagim pavlolo. Padri vigarak Kudovachi kherit apurbay. To-ui dusrea bhurgeam bhaxen hansun-khellun vaddlolo taka zai aslem.

"Solomon faleam amche firgojent *Sports Day.*" Padri vigaran Kudovak firgojent apoun sanglem.

"Hoi fador, hanv zannam. Khub mouza yeta hea disa." Kudovan portipall kelo.

"Hanvem tujem nanv dhanvpache ani sak ghalun dhanvpache resi khatir ghalam." Padri vigarachim utram aikotanch Kudovachea tonddar barik hanso dislo. Ho tacho supurlo hanso polleun padri vigarak tachi odik doya disli.

"Khorench fador?" Ojap zaun Kudovan vicharlem. Punn kaim khinnam bhitor tachea tonddavelo hanso nanch zalo.

“Soloman, kitem zalem? Resint bhag ghevpachi tuka khuxi nam?” Padri vigaran tachi oddchonn somzun gheunk chintlem.

“Fador, mhaka khub khuxi asa. Punn mhoje kodde dusrea bhurgeam bhaxen vegim-vegim dhanvunk zainam. Magir hanv nimanno yetolom nhoi? Hench chintun hanv niraxi zalam.” Kudovan zobab dilo.

“Faleanchem chintun az niraxi zaum naka. Koslo-i vavr tum tujea kallzache kholayek thaun korxi zalear, tum sodanch zoitivont zatolo.” Padri vigaran hanstea mukhamollan taka bhorvanxeachim don utram sanglim. Him utram aikun Kudovan apli man haloyli.

“Tum kitem sangunk sodtai tem hanv somzolom.”

Tannem fokot aplea utrank man haloylea mhonn padri vigar zannam aslo. Apnnem sanglolea utrancho orth kitem to somzunk, Kudovachem ginean tache piraye promannem azun-ui lhan ani inosent aslem mhonn padri vigarak bes-bori somzonni asli. Fuddarak him utram taka ghottayechim zaunchim mhonn, padri vigaran aplea mezavelo Jezucho ek rejist hatant kaddlo. Tea rejistacher fattlean oxem boroylolem vachunk melltalem - *Kallzache Kholayek Thaun.*

To rejist tannem Kudovachea hatant dilo ani tachea khandar hat dovorlo.

“Hanvem hacher boroylam, *Kallzache Kholayek Thaun.* Tujea jivitant tum koslea-i vavrachi survat korche adim hea utrancher nodor mar, ani uprantuch

tujea vavrachi survat kor. Him utram tuka sonvsar jikhoytolim." Kudovan to rejist artun-portun pollelo. Tea utrancho orth Kudovak titlo somzunk naslo, torui padri vigarachim tim utram tannem aplea kallzant korantlim.

Dusrea disa, dhanvpache resint tannem kallzache kholayek thaun survat keli. Ani sogleank fattim ghalun poilo ailo. Ho tachea jivitantlo ek khoxecho dis aslo. Az poilech pavtt tannem aplea jivitant inam' ani lokachi xabaski zoddli. Dekun ho padri vigaran dilolo Jezucho rejist sodanch aplea sangatak dovorunk tannem nichev kelo.

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Padri vigarachea adaran Kudov iskolak vetalo. Tea firgojechea iskolant xikpi khubxea lhan bhurgeancho zolmacho dis tanchim avoy-bapuy vhodda dobajean monoytalim tem to polletalo. Aplo-i zolmacho dis konnem-i tosoch monouncho mhonn taka sodanch anvddo aslo, punn tacho zolm' dis kednam to konnakuch khobor nasli.

Ek dis, ganvchea lokan aplea padri vigaracho zolm' dis monounk yevjilem. Tannim vhodda dobajean tacho zolmacho dis monoylo. Ganvcho zaito lok hea fungsanvak hajir aslo. Soglich umed ani khuxalkay posorli. Kudovan-ui her bhurgeam borabor padri vigarache khuxalkayent vantto ghetlo. Fungsanv kabar zalem, ani soglo lok ap-aplea ghara gele. Punn thodde bhurge nitollsann korunk fattim ravle. Tanche modem Kudov aslo. Sogli nitollsann zalea uprant, padri vigaran

soglea bhurgeank apnnaxim apoyle. Apnnak zolm' disa nimitan firgozkaramni dilolim dennim ugoddlim ani tantum tankam sobo sarkeo vostu asleo teo vanttleo. Choddxea lokamni khandak lavpachim begam ani *showcase*-int dovorpacheo vostu diloleo. Teo -ui tankam vanttun dileo. Kudov tacho chodd apurbayecho. Dekun ek boremxem beg padri vigaran Kudovachea hatant dilem. Kudov tem beg gheunk matxe fattim sorunk laglo.

"Solomon kitem zalem? Tuka avddunk nam hem beg?" Toruị Kudov man pondak ghalun aslo. "Borem tor, dusrem vinchun kadd," padri vigaran taka dusrim begam dakoyt sanglem.

" Fador, hanv padri vigar zalear lok mhozo-i zolm' dis monoytole?" Okosmat Kudovan padri vigara mukhar ek veglloch vichar dovorlo. Tachea hea prosnan padri vigar ojap zaloch, punn padri vigaran tachea vicharacho sôd-ui laylo. Tachea monant ek kherit axea asa mhonn padri vigarak kollun ailem. 'Soglea bhurgeancho zolm' dis zata, punn mhozoch zolm' dis konnuch kiteak korinam?' Hoch hetu tachea prosna fattlean aslo mhonn padri vigaran thav kaddlo.

"Solomon, tuzo zolmacho dis konnuch monoynam mhonn tum khonti asai nhoi?" Padri vigaran taka somzaunk chintlem. "Solomon, tum padri za. Polle kitle khuxalkayen ani ghonnghonnan tuzo zolm' dis monoytat to. Tum magir sogleanche avddicho zatolo. Zatolo nhoi?"

"Hoi fador."

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Dezembracho mhoino kainch nhoi korun sompot ailo, ani natalanchi toyari suru zali.

Ponchvis Dezembr udelo. Soglea bhurgeank padri vigaran ekttaim kelim.

"Yeyat bhurgeamno, hanv tumkam ek kanni sangtam." Kanniechem nanv aikun bhurgim khuxal zalim, ani rokddinch padri vigara mukhar boslim.

"Marie ani Juze vorvim amcho soddvonndar Jezu hea disa zolmak ailo. Nhoi polasimni va fog dobazo korun ghonnghonnan, punn gorvam modem gorvanchea gotteant or'ran. Sogleak sondex pattoylo anj-boddveamni, Devak argam dilim taka bhett korunk ailolea menddram rakhpiamni. Ontrollar porzoll dakoun eka noketran, Taka nomoskar korunk udentik thaun apoun haddle vidvan. Bhangar, dhump ani gondrosachim dennim haddlim tannim. Ani spoxtt kelem, Tunch mhonn Razancho Raza ani amcho sogleancho dhoni."

Padri vigaran bhurgeanche bhaxen sanglem. Hi lhanxi kanni aikun soglim bhurgim ekdomuch umedin bhorlim.

"Dekun, az ami hea disa Jezucho zolm' dis mhonn ek *cake* katrum-ia. Asat nhoi tumi toyar?" Padri vigaran mukhar uloyt bhurgeank vicharlem.

" Hoi fador," mhonnun soglea bhurgeamni ekach tallean zap dili.

"*Zolmacho dis tuzo* git kollta nhoi tumkam?" Padri vigaran vicharlem.

"Thoddem-thoddem kollta fador." Dog-teg zann bhurgeamni sanglem.

"Kollta toxem mhoje borabor mhonnat."

Padri vigaran zolm' disachem kantar gavun *cake* katorli. Soglim bhurgim choklettinchi vatt polleun aslim. Itlean *Santa Claus* ailo. Bhurgim hansun-khellun nachunk laglim. *Santa Claus*-an sogleank chokletti ani dennim vanttlea uprant, *Santa Claus* machier gelo.

"Supurlea bhurgeamno, hanv poixilea desant thaun ailam. Fokot tumche khatir ailam. Punn az Jezuchea zolm' disa amche modem anik eka bhurgeacho zolm' dis. Hea disa zolma yevnk to bhurgo noxibvont." Santa Claus uloyta-uloyta thamblo. Konn to noxibvont bhurgo mhonn bhurgim ekamekak polleunk laglim.

"To Solomon." *Santa Claus*-an ekdom' sanglem.

Santa Claus-an aplem nanv ucharlam mhonn Kudovachea lokxantuch yevnk nam. Aplea fattlean thaun konn bhurgo uttun yeta zalear to polleunk laglo. Punn konnuch fuddem sorunk nam. Tednam padri vigar tachea fuddeant ailo ani tachea hatak dhorun uloylo - "Solomon, az tuzo zolm' dis ani ami to hanga monoytoleanv."

Kudov samkoch nervoz zalo. *Santa Claus*-an ek lhanxi *cake* haddloli. Te kekicher *Happy Birthday Solomon* mhonn boroylolem aslem. Padri vigaran Solomonak mukhar haddun ubo kelo. Sogleamni ekttaim zaun zolm' disachem git gaylem. Ani hea gitachea talar *Santa Claus*-an haddloli kek katorli. Taka

poilech pavtt apunn sorga rajyant soglea anj-boddveam borabor aslolea porim bhoglem. Ani anj-boddveamni, tachea fuddeant soglem dhadosponn ekttaim kelem. Tachea tonddar khellpi hanso tache kallzache kholayek thaun ailolo aslo. Zoxem kitem eka gorib mon'xak Arabanchi kottianchea bhangarachi bãy sampoddlolea bhaxen. Ho tachea jivitantlo sogleam poros khuxalkayecho dis aslo. Osle zolm' dis to vorsachea vorsa monounk tachea noxibant boroy mhonn Padri vigar Deva kodde magtalo.

Amchean Deva fuddeant amchim magnnim dovorunk zatat, punn tim kednam ani koxe toren purim korop hem Devacheach hatant asa.

Solomonachea jivitant katorloli hi poili ani nim'nni kek.

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Kudov atam satvea vorgant xiktalo. Punn iskolant obheas korunk, toxench khellant ani her mosteponnam korunk-ui poilo aslo. Ambe kaddop, narl paddop, chinchcheo fatravop him tachim mosteponnam. Oslea bhurgeanche ixtt-ui chodd astat. Tache ixtt fokot tache boraborchech nhoi, punn tache poros pirayen vhoddle asloleancho-i tache ixttanche vollerint aspav aslo - attvi, novi ani dhavea vorgant xikpi bhurgeancho.

Attvecho vorg. Itihasacho vixoy. Ramesh mastor ho vixoy xikoytalo. Taka Gõychea itihasachi chodduch vhoddvik. Mhan monis je Gõychi osmitay *(identity)* rakhunk vavurleat toslea mon'xanchea jivita vixim

taka khubuch zannvay asli.

Hea iskolantlea soglea vorgamni dog mhan vyoktinche *(personalities)* fottu laylole asle. Ek Mahatma Gandhicho, ani dusro Dr. Jack de Sequeiracho. Rameshacho nomuno Dr. Jack de Sequeira aslo, ani az he vyokti vixim xikovpacho vell aslo. Dekun to samko vhodde urben bhurgeank ho patt xikoytalo.

Kudov satvea vorgant xikpi. Punn az xikovpi yevnk nam mhonn tea vellar tankam meklleponn aslem. Dekun to vorga bhair yevn iskolachea kurredorant bhonvtalo. Kur'redorantlean cholun-cholun to attvea vorgachea fuddlean pavlo. Tea vorgant tacho ixtt ani boro krikett khellgoddi Ronald aslo. Ramesh mastoran itihasachem lisanv xikounk nigtench suru kelolem.

Itlean, bhair ravun Kudovan Ronaldak krikett khellunk apovpachi khunnam keli.

Hem tachem nattok justuch Ramesh mastorache nodrent bhorlem. Ramesh mastor vorgachea bhair ailo, ani khunnam korit aslolea Kudovak sampddaylo.

"Tuka krikett khellunk zai. Am?"

"Nam *sir.*" Kudov apli man haloyt, sampoddlolea chora bhaxen kumsar zalo.

"Toxem zalear, mhoje klasint yevn bos, ani hanv xikoytam tem aik." Ramesh mastoran taka sanglem.

'Ai saiba. Khoim mhonn sampoddlom? Kai boro bekar aslom.' Kudov aplech bhitor uloytalo.

Ramesh mastoran taka aplea vorgant vhelo ani poilea bankar bosoylo.

Ramesh mastor aple avddicho patt mhonn, to patt ek-ek bhurgean bore bhaxen somzuncho, atmsat korcho oxi tachi opekxa asli. Dr. Jack de Sequieran Gõyam khatir utpon'n keloli kranti, aplea jivachi porva korinastana kallzant thaun tannem kelolo vavr, ani hea tachea fuddariponnak gõykaramni dilolo tenko, sogle tache tyag to tea xikpianche motint rigounk vavurtalo.

"Ek monis fuddem sorlo. Tache motint fokot itlench aslem - hem mhojem Gõy ani tem rakhunk mhoji goroz. Dekun to vavurlo. Kallzantli bhavna aplem hatiyar kelem. Tea vellar hea mhan fuddariachea tonddantlean bhair sorlolim utram porjechea kanar sadtalim, tednam Gõychea fuddara pasot lok kedem-i vhoddlem bolidan diunk toyar zatale. Ek raj zalear Gõykarank je hok'k astole te hea mon'xa vorvim zaite Gõykar niyallunk pavle, ani hakach lagun az Gõy ek svotachem raj zaunk pavlem."

Jvalamukhi *(volcano)* zoso zomnintlean uzo usllayta toxim tachea tonddantlean utram bhair sortalim. Him utram dor xikpiachea kallzant krantichi bhavnam utpon'n kortali. Patt xikoylea uprant to soglea bhurgeank prosn kortalo.

"*Opinion Poll* korun Gõykarancho hok'k Gõykarank samballunk divpi amcho fuddari konn?"

Ho prosn Ramesh mastoran oxe ritin bhor diun vicharlo, konn-ui xikpiak zap kainch khobor nam zalear-ui tannem aplo hat voir ubarunkuch zai aslo.

Kudovak soddun soglea xikpiamni aplo hat voir kaddlo. Kudov apleach sonvsarant gul'l zalolo. Vonttir

laylolea Dr. Jack de Sequeirachea fottvak to dolle lavunuch aslo. Tea fottvantlean to tachem asnnem bhogtalo. Oxem distalem, ho patt taka Ramesh mastoran nhoi, punn svota Dr. Jack de Sequeiran aplea khas utramni aplo onnbhov sanglo oso taka bhas zatalo. Kranticho dhog Dr. Jack de Sequeira denvoyta, ani Kudov to mandun gheun aple kuddint ximpddayta to dekavo thoimsor polleunk melltalo.

Ramesh mastor khoincheach xikpia koddchean oslea sobhavachi opekxa korinaslo. Punn Kudovacho to dekavo polleun to ekdom' anondit zalolo. Az Kudovan eka vhodd fuddariak aplo nomuno mhonn mandun ghetlolo. Ani eka guru vorvim zor ek xis mhan zaunk pavlo zalear, eka guruk hache poros anik dusrem dhadosponn nam. Hem niyallun, ek dis ho bhurgo aplem jivit folladik kortolo mhonn taka thavem zalem.

"Solomon, kitem zalem? Kitem chinta?" Rameshan vicharlem.

" *Sir,* mhaka ek vhodd monis zaunk zai. Mhaka-i ek boro fuddari zaun sasnnak omor urunk zai," Kudovan ek voznadik zap dili.

"Ek vhodd fuddari zaunk khub tyag korche poddtat. Titlem sompem nhoi tem." Ramesh mastoran sanglem.

"Kallache gorje promannem hanv novi kranti utpon'n kortolom. Mhojea ganva khatir, mhojea raxttra khatir ani mhojea desa pasot hanv vavurtolom. Mhojea jivachem hanv yogdan ditolom ani sasnnak omor zaunk vavurtolom." Kudovan titleach atm-visvasan Ramesh mastorak sanglem. Ramesh mastora khatir

him obhimanachea fulam sarkim utram aslim.

"Tujea vavrant tum sodanch porzollit zaum." Ek guru koso tannem Kudovak aplo axirvad dilo.

Itlean bel vazli, ani soglim bhurgim dhanvun bhair gelim.

Ramesh mastor tea disa xikovpianchea kuddant bosun apleach jivitacher niyall kortalo. Khub tras gheun xikop korun to az xikovpi mhunn vavurtalo. Tachea jivitantle goribkayek lagun khub zannamni taka okman kelolo. Tache ddigri promannem, az taka khoinchea-i, dusrea desant borea duddvanchi nokri mellum yetali. Taka khub pavtti hi sondi mell'loli. Torui to aplea raxttrachea fuddara khatir Gõyantuch ravlo. Tannem ganvchea lokachea okmanachea fatranchem chintun va duddvanchi axea ballgun aplea monant kednach apsvarthiponnachim kupam ubounk nant.

Hi tachich nhoi, punn zonn eka promannik mon'xachi kotha mhonn to zannam aslo. Zonn eka mon'xan aplea jivitant koxtt ani okman soschech poddtat. Punn zo konn hem soglem aplea kallzant dovorinastanam, aplea loka khatir vavurta to khorench mhan.

Ani osloch kranticho uzo tednam Kudova bhitor utpon'n zalolo to polleun, az taka obhiman bhogtalo. To apnnakuch mhonntalo – 'ek dis ho bhurgo aplea desa ani aplea lokam khatir khub kitem kortolo.'

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Kudovachem iskolantlem ani ganvantlem jivit ekach nanneacheo don bazu koxeo choltaleo. Punn tea nannear pintarlolem chitr nopoit zata tednam don-ui bazunk kosloch orth uronam. To poiso khotto zata. Osloch vell tachea-i jivitant ailolo.

Sumar panch va sov vorsamni dor firgojecho padri vigar bodolta. Tanche vhoddil tankam dhaddta te suvater tannim vechem poddta. Hea ganvchea padri vigarak-ui hi firgoz soddchi poddli. Oxea vellar, Kudov padri vigarak veng marun thambonastanam roddtalo. Itlim vorsam padri vigar tachi ghottayechi savlli koso tachea sangatak aslo. Tachea borabor ravun randunk ani her sogleo chalteo vostu korunk to xiklolo.

“Solomon, hea sonvsarant khub kallok asa. Ani to kallok fokot uzvadd sompounk xokta. Jivitant uzvadda sarko porzollit za. Hea sonvsarak tuji goroz asa,” padri vigaran taka axirvad dilo.

Padri vigaran tacho sangat soddlea uprant, soimban tacher anik ek kallem kup oddlem. Tacho bapuy Juanv, ek dis sokallim uttun gharantlean bhair sorun gelolo to porot yevnkuch nam. Kudovan taka zaito sodlo, punn kainch khobor nasli. Eka ganvkaran taka nim’nno, feribott dhokeak lagta te tarir ratchea ikrank pollelolo. Piyeun samko taitt aslo, ani pãy dhortorek tenkonaslo khoim. Sogleanchea odmasa promannem, to doryant poddun somplo, ani udkachea nettar tachi kudd lotton geli astoli.

Kudovacher ailolem hem odruxtt tachea nazuk kallzant sanvronam titlem aslem. Dukachea khotkhotean to hulpotalo. Tache vixim ghoddlolo krur

oneay polleun, sogott taka churchurtale, punn adar diunk konnuch fuddem soronaslo.

Kudovan iskolak vochpachem soddlem. Don vellanchea jevnnam khatir, hachem ani tachem koslem-i kam' korunk laglo.

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'Pen-de-Tona' ganvchea dovakhanneant sodanch Dr. Vernekar topasunk yetalo. Hea ganvant ho dovakhanno duentink ekuch asro aslo, nam zalear vhoddlem hospital xarant aslem.

Dr. Vernekarak dotorponnacho itlo onnbhov aslo, vhoddle-vhoddle dotor tachi bud ghetale. Itlench nhoi, nove dotor aplem xikop purem zalea uprant dotorponnacho onnbhov gheunk tachea hata khal kam' korunk axetale.

Aplo dovakhanno to ekloch choloytalo, punn kednam-i, nigtench dotorponnachem xikop sompoun ailole nove dotor tache sorxim thoddea tempak *trainee* koxe vavrunk yetale.

Vhoddantlem vhodd duens, uprant tem kankrachem *(cancer)*, *Tuberclosis*-achem *(TB)* va dusrem khoinchem-i duens borem korunk Devan taka eke kherit torechi kola diloli. Punn to ganvant topasta mhonn ganvchea lokak sodcho-porcho zalolo. Zaite ganvantle dedd-xanne mhonntale, Dr. Vernekar fokot xemboreamni nottam gheta, ani ek gulli diun fottoyta.

Dotorachea dovakhannea fuddlean ek vhodd

angonn aslem, ani angnnant khub koir ekttovtalo. Ganvchea lokak apleachem soddun dusreachem voir kaddpachi odik sonvoym. Ek dis Sivram, 'Pen-de-Tona' ganvcho ek ganvkar apnnak thonddi zalea mhonn dotoraxim ailo.

"Dotor-bab, tujea dovakhannea fuddlean khub koir asa," voiz topastanam tannem mhonnlem. To apnnak falam marta mhonn dotorak koll'lem. Ganvchea lokachem tondd kitem tem to zannam aslo. Adlem-pondlem, konnachem kitem mellta tem dhuvop, uprant to dotor va padri vigar zaum, punn apunn svota kednach adar divchenant.

"Are Sivram, az-kal kamak konn mellta? Poy, ganvant konn-ui bhurgo bekar aslear..." Dotoran taka tachea utracho prosn urfattoch koso vicharlo.

"Borem dotor-bab. Poytam hanv. Punn pag?"

"Jevonn diun mhoineak sumar panchxim rupia dium yeta, punn tannem mhojea dovakhanneant ravcho poddtolo."

Dotor zannanch aslo, Sivram kam' korcho nam. Sogli khobor vichartolo ani borem mhonnon vetolo. Dekun tannem taka mud'dom toxem sanglolem.

"Hea tempar panchxim rupiank konn ravta, ani tem-ui bi chovis horam?" Sivram aplech bhitor gunngunnlo. Dotor apnnacho valor korun uloyta mhonn Sivramak somzolem. To ogich hansunk zai mhonn hanslo.

"Borem dotor-bab, konn-ui aslear tuka sangtam." Tannem dotorak sanglem ani bhair sorun gelo.

Dusreachem dhuvpi, punn apnnacher il'lo porian chikol poddunk divpi nhoi, oxea sobhavacho Sivram aslo. Ganvant sodanch apnnak vhodd man ani respeit asa oxem to somzotalo. Punn tacho sobhav koslo to ak'khea ganvcho lok zannam aslo.

Sivramache toklent hench yetalem. 'Sivraman apnnak kamak bhurgo dita mhonn sanglem ani xevttim diunkuch nam' oxi gozal dotoran konnachea-i kanant fukli zalear, aplea respeitak kedem vhoddlem khalteponn hench to chintalo. Dekun, apnna lagim zata te bhaxen dotorak kama khatir konn-ui bhurgo mellta zalear tannem sodpacho proyotn kortalo. Aplea soglea ixttank tannem dotorachi hi goroz sangli.

"Are gel'lea mhoineant to Juanv mela nhoi, tacho put Kudov asa. Iskol bi soddlam tannem. Atam pott bhorunk konnachi-i kosli-i sirvis korta," Sivramachea eka ixttan taka Kudovachi gozal sangli. Sivram khuxal zalo, ani somtoch Kudov khoim asa to sodun kaddlo.

"Kudov, tuka hanvem ek bori sirvis haddlea. Jevonn, ravunk ani voilean pagar melltolo. Dotorachea dovakhanneant ek bhurgo zai. Fokot tacho dovakhanno ani angonn saf dovorunk. Asa tum toyar?" Sivram Kudovak vicharlem.

Sivram zannam aslo, pagara poros Kudovak vellar jevonn ani ravunk asro zai aslo. Dekun, tannem jevnnachi ani ravpachi khobor poili sangli. Ti-ui bi nettan.

Kudovan-ui jevnnak lagon zaite tras onnbhovlole. Taka Sivraman jevnna bhair ravunk ani pagar-ui melltolo mhonn sanglem, tednam tache khuxalkayek

xim'-mer uronk nam. Sivramak hoikar di-it tannem dotorak mellunk dovakhanneache vatten ekuch dhanv marli.

Dotor eka duentik topastalo. Kudov somtoch dovakhanneant bhitor sorlo.

"Dotor-bab, mhaka Sivraman sanglam tum mhaka kamak dovortolo, ani voilean jevonn, ravunk ani pagar ditolo," Kudovan soroll sanglem.

Dotor eka mon'xacho ilaz kortalo, ani Kudovan khoincheanụch tachea fuddeant ubo zaun aplem ulovp suru kelem. Dotorachem firlem. Aplea dolle motte korun to ragan Kudovak polleunk laglo.

"Are tuka rit asa? Hanv hanga duent mon'xak topastam, ani tum somtoch klinikant bhitor yeta? Tuje osle monis mhaka nakat. Chol hangasorlo." Dotoran taka tiddkenuch sanglem.

Dotorachim utram aikun Kudov dovakhannea bhair ailo. Thoinch bhailea angnnant bosun ravlo. Dotor mekllo zaum porian ravlo. Dotoran aplea zonelantlean angnnant boslolea dhakttulea anj-boddveacher nodor marli.

" *Hey* tum... hanga yo," Dotoran taka bhitoruch ravun apoylo. Kudov dhanvun gelo.

"Dotor-bab, hanv koslem-i kam' korunk toyar asam, ani tuka mhojea sarko kam' korpi hea ganvant anik konnuch mellchonam." Kudovan khaltikayen aplem vhoddponn dakoylem.

Him utram aikun dotor hansunk laglo. Kiteak,

sirvidorachi nokri korunk dotorak konn-ui monis choltalo. Ani hea lhan bhurgean, hi sadi nokri korunk aplo itlo atm-visvas dakoylolo. Dotoran vell korinastanam taka apnna fuddeant dovorunk yevjilem.

"Aik, sodam sokallim fuddem angonn saf korchem poddtolem. Soglem klinik kopddo marun saf dovorunk zai. Vazantlim zhaddam udkan ximpop, ani her barik-sarik urlolim kamam zoxem porim chav haddop, sodam khobram-potr haddop tunvem korchim poddtolim."

Dotoran taka sogle kaide ani tacho vavr kitem to somzaylo.

"Soglem korunk kobul asam dotor." Dotor sangtalo titlem-i korunk Kudovan mandun ghetlem.

"Disachem jevonn mhaka fuddlea hotelar thaun yeta. Tantum il'lem odik xit ghalunk khannavollichea patranvak sangtam, ani hich amchea don'parchea jevnnachi vevostha. Punn ratchem jevonn mat tuka randchem poddtolem," dotoran taka ek vegllich gozal sangli.

"Borem dotor-bab," dotorachim utram aikolea uprant Kudovan apli tokli khala ghali.

"Jevonn randunk zannam tum?" Dotoran taka vicharlem.

"Hoi dotor-bab," Kudovan taka zap dili.

"Ani jevnnacheo vostu tuje lagim asat?"

"Nam dotor-bab."

"Magir tum koso randtolo ani kitem kortlolo?"

"Tem hanv polleun ghetam. Tum te pasot fikir korum naka," Kudovan hanstea tonddan taka zobab dilo. Punn tachem mon boroch fuddlo vichar kortalem. Dotoran fokot apnnak nokrek dovorunk zai mhonn to tachea utrank hoi mhonntalo. Tannem ratchea vellar upaxim nhidpacho nirnnoy ghetlo. Dotoran tachem mukhamoll vachlem.

"Hi ti fuddlean khannavoll asa nhoi, tacho patranv Fernandes mhozo amig. Taka sangtam, tum ratcho te khannavollint aidonam dhuvpachi sirvis kortolo, ani te bodlek to tuka jevonn ditolo." Dotoran Kudovachem bhurgem mon somzun ghetlem ani taka ek bud dili. Dotoran aple babtint dakoylolo husko polleun tachea tonddar ek attvech torecho hanso udelo. Apnnak bhogloli khuxalkay ani dhadosponn porgott korunk, to aplea angache sogle sande umedin haloytalo. Jivitachea rostear az poilech pavtt taka oxem dislem, soglea vattamni konnem tori tacher khuxalkayecho pavs otoyla. Punn he fokot pavsache thembe mhonn taka khoim khobor asli? Devan tachem noxib oxem korantlolem, somdirantlea udka itlem vhoddponn tache unttient yevpachem aslem.

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Kudov sodanch mon lavun aplem kam' kortalo. Disacho soglo dovakhanno ani sorbhonvtonncho vattar saf dovortalo, zalear ratcho Fernandesache khannavollint vochun thoimsor safay kortalo. Ani tachea tea vavrachi mozuri koxi to thoimsoruch jevonn

jevpacho nitikrom' suru aslo. Aplea kamant tannem dakoyloli huxarkay polleun dotor khub sontoslo.

Ek dis, dovakhanneantlo kochro kaddtanam, tea kochreantli injesanvachi taka suy topli. Rogot vhanvunk laglem. Punn il'lem-il'lem korun vhanvpi tea rogtacher tachem matui lokx vochunk nam. To aplea kamacheach nadar aslo. Punn tem vhanvtem rogot dotorache nodrek poddlem.

"Kudov, tujem rogot vhanvta. Khoimsor kitem toplem tuka?" Dotoran vicharlem.

"Dotor-bab, tea kochreant ek injesanv aslem. Kochro kaddtanam ti suy topli astoli. Punn mhaka dukonam." Kainch zaunk naslolea porim tannem zap dili.

Dotor sogloch uchamboll zalo. Taka aple topaspache khattir nhidoylo. Kuddicho titloch bhag zotnayen saf kelo ani vokhod laylem.

"Dotor-bab, hea il'leaxea ghayak lagun tum kiteak chinta? Hanv khelltanam kitle pavtti poddtam ani mhaka kitlech ghave zatat. Magir doryache deger zatolea pekovnne zhaddachim panam vanttun tim mhojea ghayar ghaltam. Thoddea disamni ghavo rokddoch pekta." Kudovan aplem xanneponn sanglem.

"Tum poddun zokhmi zata tea rogta modem ani hea rogta modem khub ontor asa. Hi suy konnak toplea, mhonnche koslem duens aslolea mon'xak toplea ti konn zannam? Amche kuddint Rogtachim Pexam astat. Taka ami inglez bhaxen *Blood Cells* mhonntanv. Amchea rogtantlim gorjechim *Cell*-am,

mhonnlear *Red Blood Cells, White Blood* ani *Platelets.* Kosle-i vostuk zhorkottun amkam rogot yeta tednam, him *Cell*-am tancher astat. Him itlim barik *Cell*-am amchea sadea dolleamni disonant, punn *microscope*-an vhodd korun polleunchim poddtat. Atam somoz, osle piddek sampoddlolea eka mon'xak rogtachem vaitt duens zalam, ani hanvem taka hi suy topli zalear he suye udexim tachea rogtant aslolim vaitt *Cell*-am tujea rogtant vetolim, ani tem duens tuka zatolem." Dotoran tache toklent vochonam toslem spoxttikoronn dilem.

"Ani magir kitem zatolem?" Kudovan vicharunk zai mhonn vicharlem.

"Tea mon'xak mornnachi pidda asa zalear tum-ui mortolo." Dotoran sanglem. 'Mortolo' mhonninam fuddem Kudovak tea eka vaitt *Cell*-am vorvim zavpachea duensachi gombhirtay somzoli. Tachea angant bhirant ubi zali. Tednam mat dotor sangta titlem-i to chit diun aikotalo.

"Dusre pavtt hea klinikantlo koslo-i kochro kaddtanam samballun kadd. Kednach tujea angak tenkunk dium naka. Ani chukon pasun tuje kuddik laglo zalear, mhaka gomoy. Polle, hanga monis yetat title-i kosle nam kosle piddek sampoddlole astat. Taka lagun hea klinikantlea kochrea vixim chotray dhorunk zai." Dotoran taka xidduk kelo.

"Borem dotor." Kudovan tokli haloyli. Fuddarak to kochro kaddtanam koso samballun bhair uddounk zai te vixim to odik chotur zalo.

Vaddto bhurgo to. Ek sanglear dusrem motint yeta. Dotorachem ek sangnnem porot-porot tachea

monant yetalem - 'ek vost ji amchea dolleamni dixtti poddonam, ti amkam koxi vaitt korunk xokta ani itlem vaitt korta taka lagun monis morun veta?' Hea prosnan taka chintest kelolo. Dekun, ek dis to dotora fuddeant konn nam ti sondi gheun tachexim ulounk boslo.

"Dotor-bab, ji vost amkam dolleank disonam ti amkam koxi vaitt zaunk xokta?" Tannem dotorak vicharlem.

Dotoran aple bejeantlem xikop tache mukhar dovorlem. Sadea utramni Voizuki Vijnean *(medical science)* kitem tachi taka somzonni dili.

"Amche kuddint aslolim veg-vegllim *cell*-am ap-aplo vavr kortat, ani tea promannem amchi kudd samballtat. *Red Blood Cells* amche kuddint *oxygen* bhonvddavpachem kam' kortat. *White Blood Cell*-am amche kuddik duensa pasun rakhtat, zalear *Platelets* koslo-i ghavo zalear to pekovpachem kam' kortat." Dotoran taka oxem sanglem, ani *microscope*-a fuddeant vhelo.

"Hanga bhitor polle, amchea rogtant asat tim *Cell*-am hanga dixtti poddtat," dotoran taka *Cell*-am dakoylim.

Dotor taka hem soglem sangtanam itlench zannam aslo, Kudov hi kanni koxi aikotalo ani thoddea vellan visortolo. Punn dotorachem ek-ek utor tache motint rigtalem. Dotor sangta titlem-i aikopachi to umed dakoytalo.

Konn-ui zannarak chit diun aikopi nennar mellta, tednam to anik-ui umedin soglem sangun soddta.

Dotora ani Kudova modem oxench ghoddlem. Dor disa to dotor Kudovak kitem nam kitem novem sangtalo. Ani Kudov somzonam zalear-ui somzolole bhaxen apli tokli haloytalo.

Oxem thoddo temp chol'lem. Dotor apnnak vell mellta toso Kudovak dotorponnachea xipka vixim ginean di-it aslo. Kudov apnnak atam ek dotoruch koso somzotalo.

"Mhojean dotor zaum yeta?" Ek dis Kudovan dotora lagim vicharlem. Tachim utram aikun dotor hanslo.

"Tum atam sumar pondra vorsam pirayecho asa. Dotor zatolo zalear mullavem xikop zai poddta." Dotoran taka sanglem.

Kudova bhitor kitem zalem tem kainch khobor nam. Dolle tambdde ani ragachem sondd korun, "hanv inglix vachunk ani borounk zannam dotor. *Seventh standard* porian mhaka xikop asa. Mhaka dotor zaunk zai!" Aplech dhuntuntlean Kudovan mhonnlem.

Him tachim temam vegllech torechim aslim. Tachea angant dotor zaunk zolltolo uzo, dotoran tachea mukhamollar pollelo. Dotor zannam aslo, hea lhan bhurgeachea temam fuddeant bhasabhas korun kosloch orth naslo.

Tachea dovakhanneant Voizuki Vijnean *(medical science)* ani dotorponnachim pustokam eke almarint ghalun dovorlolim. Novea *trainee* dotorank xikunk him pustokam boreak poddtalim. "Dotor zatolo zalear him soglim pustokam patt korunk zai. Tanche bhitor kitem asa tem toklent ghalunk zai," dotoran te almarintlea

pustokak bott dakoun mhonnlem.

Him utram aikonam fuddem Kudovan aple kuddint ek atm-visvas utpon'n kelo. Ani tea pustokancher ek chalti nodor ghunvddayli.

Dotoran hea vellar tachim temam xant korunk him utram mhonnlolim khorim, punn inosent bhurgo to. Lhanponnantuch thaun ghorchea poros bhailea jevnnan vaddlolo. Taka firgojecho padri vigar sangtalo, konn-ui tuka boro korta zalear to kitem sangta tem tujea boreak sangta. Him utram tache vaddte motint riglolim. Dekun, dotoran fokannamni mhonnlolim utram tannem aplea jivitachem sopon korunk tharav ghetlo.

"Tum ek dis vhoddlo dotor zatolo," tachem fuglolem mukhamoll polleun dotoran taka moskoriamni mhonnlem.

Zaite pavtti fokannamni mhonnlolim utram sot zatat. Zait ghoddie hakach lagon Dev him utram vhoddilanchea tonddantlean adim fuddench bhair ghalta.

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Khannavollichea Fernandes patranvak ek khont asli. Tache khannavollint undir-mam' khub gom'mot kortale. Bhaji-palo ani her vepar ibaddtale. Tandllanchea sakank ani her vostunk burak korun soddtale. Taka khub sotaytale.

Tankam nattak korunk tannem zaiteo yevzonno

ankleo. Poilem mazor poslem. Undir-mam' dedd-xanne. Mazrak melltat? Magir tankam morunk jevnnant vikh misllaun dovorlem. Jevonn mazran khalem ani mazor melem. Uprant tannem undrak dhorpachi rater *(trap)* manddli. Ek undir foslolo titloch. Tankam khoim jitle sotayta title te tuka anik tras kortat. Dekun, zannteamni tankam 'mama' mhonn nanv dovorlam. Rater manddloli toxich asli. Urlolea soglea samananchi durdoxea.

Fernandes patranvak konnem tori bud dil'li, dhovo undir haddun pospachi. Dhovea undrak polleun sogle kalle undir pollun vetole. Kudovak hi tachi manddnni attvich disli. "Undrank poisaunk dusre undir posop, kosli pisay hi?" Kudovan Fernandes patranvak vicharlem. Punn Fernandes patranvan taka portipall korunk nam. Ek nimanno upay koso tannem ek dhovo undir haddlo, ani ratcho aple khannavollint soddlo.

Ani khorench ek ojap ghoddlem. Ho dhovo undir khannavollint posla tea disa thaun kallea undrancho avaz nam. Tacho vepar ibaddtale te 'mama' apli xempddi kovllun khoim gele kainch khobor nasli. Chintop hem vegllench, punn konnem hi bud dilea tea mon'xak Fernandes patranvan aple khannavollint fukott jevonn dilem. Kiteak, tea mon'xache te budik lagon tacho hozarancho vepar vattovlo. Kudovak mat hem ek umannem aslem.

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Dovakhanneachea soglea kuddancheo chavio dotoran Kudova kodde dovorloleo, kiteak sokallim uttun

tannem soglim kuddam saf korunk zai aslim. Khannavollint ratchi nokri kelea uprant to dovakhanneant yetalo ani thoim pennem kortalo. Ratchi taka zobor nhid yenasli. Dekun, aplo vell sarunk to tim dotorachim pustokam vachtalo. Thoddem kitem somzotalem, ani khub kitem somzonaslem. Kitem vachta tem somzonam zalear dusrea disa dotora lagim vichartalo. Magir dotor taka aplea kodde zata te bhaxen sompea utramni sangtalo ani somzaytalo.

Dotor-ui zannam aslo. Jitlo to vokhdam-duensam vixim mahiti ghetalo, titlo takach faido zatalo. Khoinchem vokhod khoim dovorunk zai, uprant tem frijint va koslea-i potiamni samballunk zai hem atam Kudov bes-borem zannam aslo. Dotorak to ek vhodd adar aslo. Korta-korta Kudov itlo huxar zalo, dotoran piddevontachem duens topastoch, dotor sangchea adim rokddoch apunn vokhod haddun fuddeant dovortalo. Dotor ho tacho vavr sodanch vakhanntalo.

Nove *trainee* Dr. Vernekara fuddeant proxikxonn gheunk yetale tednam dotor tankam poile don prosn vichartolo - “Tujem sopon kitem? Tujea jivitant tuzo hetu kitem?” Thodde mhonntale “mhaka ek *cancer specialist* zaunk zai.” Thodde sangtale, “mhaka *AIDS* duensache pekovnnecho ilaz sodun kaddunk zai.” Oxe torechim ap-aplim sopnam khub zann tache mukhar manddtale. Ani Kudov hem soglem aplem kam’ kortanam aikotalo. Taka-i distalem, apnnak-ui oslench ek sopon aschem.

Jitle-i nove dotor proxikxonn gheunk yetale, title-i Kudovak ekdom’ bore kortale. Koslem-i tem kam’ zaum, dovakhanneantlem va dovakhannea bhailem,

apli goroz puri korunk Kudovachi sogleank mozot zai asli. Klinika bhair, mhonnche khannavollint vochun chav ani her nosto haddop, kednam-i khobram-potr ani her gorjecheo vostu haddunk tachi goroz poddtali. Klinikantlo vavr mhollear tanchea xikpant tankam adar divop. Dotorank topasnni korcheo kosleo-i gorjecheo vostu zai, va kitem-i katorpachi vost zai zalear, to tankam rokddoch haddun ditalo, ani kam' zalem mhonntoch teo vostu vevosthit ritin porot zagear vhorun dovortalo. Tanche modem to-ui ek dotoruch koso jiyetalo.

Kednam-i nove dotor sarki topasnni korunk noko zalear tankam Kudov apunn xikoytalo. Rogot koxem topastat, tantuntlim *Cell*-am khoinchim, tem kitlea tok'keamni asunk goroz ani kitem asunk zai hem soglem Kudovache toklent aslem. Vhoddleo-vhoddleo vaitt pidda, zoxe porim *AIDS, Cancer* koxeo zatat, toslea piddestanchem rogot koxem asta hem soglem to xikun patt zalolo. Nove dotor yetale ani vetale. Punn Kudovachem kam' tench. Dekun, dor novea dotorank to mozot kortalo. Ani goroz poddlear apunn tankam xikoytalo. Hem soglem tache motint rigun aslem. Tachea heach sobhavak lagon to sogleankuch manovtalo.

To gineanan lhan aslo. Sonvsaracho onnbhov naslolo. Dotor sodam aplo vavr vakhannta dekun to-ui apnnak ek dotor koso somzunk laglo. Ek dis dotor topasunk yevnk nam. Her-ui dotor nasle. Kaim duent mon'xam klinikant bosun sanz meren dotorachi vatt polletalim. Dotor yevnkuch nam. Dekun Kudovan duentink topaspacho nirnnoy ghetlo. Ekleak bhitor apoun vhelo. Taka topaslo, ani goroz tem vokhod diun

dhaddlo. Oxe toren jitle-i zann piddevont thoim asle, tankam sogleank tannem topasun vokhdam dilim ani dhaddle. Punn duddu mat dusrea disa dotora kodde di mhonn sanglem.

Dusrea disa dotor dovakhanneant ailo tednam Kudov obhimanan tache mukhar ubo ravlo.

"Dotor-bab, tum yetolo mhonn kal khub lok sanz porian hangach bosun asle. Tum yevchonam mhonn mhaka gomlem ani hanvem tankam topaslim. Vokhod-ui dilem. Duddu mat az tuje kodde di mhonn sanglam." Kudovan vhodde umedin dotorak sanglem.

Him utram aikonam fuddem dotorache toklentlean ragacho uzo suttlo. Tea disamni Voizuki Khateantle Odhikari *(medical authority)* samke koddok nodor dovorun asle. Dotora kodde kitem-i vankddem ghoddlem zalear rokddench dotorachem nanv potracher yetalem.

"Are sirvidora, tum kitem tuka dotor somzota? Tea piddevontancher tunvem dilolea vokhdancho urfatto porinnam' zalo zalear konn bhogtolo? Itlench zannam za. Tum fokot mhozo kamdar. Kochro saf korunk tuka hanv pagar ditam, ani titlench kam' kor. Chodd-ui xanno somzum naka. Vaximbor hangasorlo." Dotoran tiddkin ani ragan Kudovak tapoun kaddlo.

Him utram Kudovachea kallzak khilo marlolea bhaxen toplim. Tannem thoimsoruch roddunk suru kelem. Dotorak to khub mandtalo. Gorjechea vellar tannench taka jevonn ani ravunk asro dilolo. Oslim utram tachea tonddantlean aikop mhollear, jivo astanach tachi kat solun kaddpa sarki poristhiti asli.

Tea disa apunn hea sonvsarant kochro mhonn taka thavem zalem. To sonvsarantlea mon'xacho thav kaddunk laglo. Ani apnna kodde ghoddlea ti khorench ek vhodd chuk mhonn tannem mandun ghetlem. Teach vellar tannem, fuddarak disantlean il'lem pott bhorunk jevonn mellta titlea purti chakri korpacho nirnnoy ghetlo. Tea dovakhanneant anik vavr korunk taka puttvonam zalem. Dotora fuddeant ubo ravunk tache kuddik koddkoddo sutt'talo. Dekun, tech ratik Kudov to dovakhanno ani aplo ganv soddun pollun gelo.



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Kudov atam unnech vis vorsanche pirayecho aslo. Sumar panch vorsam tannem tea dotora fuddeant nokri keloli. Thoinchean pollun to dusre kodden gelo tednam tachem kalliz khub roddlem. Tacho ganv soddun vochunk taka titlem sompem zaunk nam, punn dotorachim utram tachea kallzak bhalea vori romblim. To khoimsor-ui eksure suvater vochunk sodtalo, ani tache kuddint dhanvtolea rogtak dotorachim tim utram anik-ui fors ditalim. To khoimsor vetolo, kitem kortolo ani koso jiyetolo tachem taka kainch chintop naslem. Punn Devachi yevzonn Devuch zannam. Aple porjek vattaunk orixtt somdir porian doxim korun tannem vatt toyar keli, ani Kudov tachi supurli rochnna.

To cholun-cholun Marcel ganvant pavlo. Julayacho mhoino. Ani ghosghoxeamni pavs ot'talo. Punn jea nettan to Pen-de-Tona thaun pollun ailolo, tea nettar taka hea pavsachea ghosghoxeachi ani tufanachi matui porva nasli.

Marcel ganv mhollear ek kolakarancho ganv.

Gonnesacho utsov te vhodda dobajean monoytat. Tea nimitan kortolea dekaveachi jitli tust korta titli unni. Oxem dista, khorench Gonnpoti Devan tankam ek kherit dennem dilam, ani tacho vapor korun hangasorlo lok tachi tust kortat. Adlea kallar ganvcho khub lok ekttovtalo ani ap-aplea vaddear ek kherit dekavo kortale. Punn az mon'xachem ginean vaddlam khorem, punn dha zann ekttaim ravun kitem-i korunk aiche tornnate khub fattim.

Kam' kelea xivay pott bhoronam hem Kudovak kollun chuklem. Tednam Marcelant pavtoch tannem kam' sodunk suru kelem. Kam' sodta-sodta to Shannoi nanvachea mon'xak mell'lo. Shannoi ek famad murtikar aslo. Gonnesacheo murtio toyar korun vikop hoch tachea ajea-ponjeancho dhondo. Taka ekloch put. Tacho ho dhondo tachea ekleach putan samballunk zai aslo. Horxim tachea putak koslech vaitt gunn nasle, punn mhonntat nhoi, 'ghor duki ani ganv sukhi?' Shannoichea ekleach putacho sobhav toch aslo. Vaddeavelo dha zannancho vavr korunk to ekdom' fuddem, punn aplea svotachea bapayk adar korunk kednach mellonaslo. Dekun, Shannoian Kudovak kamak dovorpachem chintlem. Tea nimitan apnnak sangat-ui zatolo he axen tannem taka kam' xikounk suru kelem. Kudova bhitor il'li-il'li khuxalkay nirmann zaunk lagli.

Kudov aste-aste Shannoia sangatak vavr korunk laglo. Aichea kallar lokak novo bodol *(innovation)* avoddta. Hakach lagon Gonnesachea murtincho rong, tancho akar legit jitlo attvo ani boro dista, titleach unchlea molan bazarant tachi vikri zata. Punn hem soglem kortolo zalear, zaite pavtti murtik akar diunk

khub vell ogddauncho poddta. Tea bhair, samanancho ibadd. Osle proyog *(experiment)* kortanam eka murtikarak kosle tras zatat ti takach khobor asli.

Shannoiacho put Sarvesh kompiutorant ekdomuch huxar. Gonnesache akar ani tache rong to poilo kompiutorar toyar kortalo. Dekun, hea vavrant tachea bapayk khub mozot zatali. Mhonnche, vepar ani vell. Don-ui vostu vattovtaleo. Haka lagon duddvam babtint dobradan faido. Punn Sarvesh aplea bapaychem kam' mhollear ang kaddtalo. Ekdom' allxiponnam dakoytalo. Mhalgoddo dekun tache khub ladd zalole. Tannem porot-porot tosle akar korun diunk Shannoiak tache kodde vinoti korchi poddtali.

Anik tin mhoineamni chovticho utsov aslo. Ani Shannoiachem giraik tor sodanchench. Tea bhair, atam famil-ui vaddloli. Bhav-bhav kuxin ghoram bandun ravtale, ani Gonnesacheo murtio kuxin puztale. Hakach lagon Shannoiachem giraik-ui vaddlolem. Punn tacho allxi put kamant taka tenko dinaslo.

Kudov sodanche porim aplea vavrant ekdom' umed dakoytalo. Ani velean tornnem ginean. Jitlem polleta titlem rokddench bhitor vetalem. Hi tachi huxarkay polleun Shannoian aplea putak taka kompiutor xikounk sanglem. Apleavelo bhar unno zatolo hem chintun Sarvesh ekdom' khoxi zalo. Kudov-ui kompiutor xikunk fular ailo. Vhodde khoxen tannem taka kompiutoracho vapor xikoylo ani aplea bapaychea tonddantlo mekllo zalo. Kudov rokddoch, pondra disam bhitor kompiutor hatallpant kir zalo. Jem Sarveshak xikunk ek voros laglolem tem tannem pondra disam bhitor xikun dakoylem.

Atam Shannoian Kudovacher zababdari ghali. Kudovan umedin ti zababdari mandun ghetli, ani bhor gheun kam' korunk laglo. Gonnesache murticho attvo akar toyar korop, tachi suropay disunk rongan taka chokchokit korop ho atam tachea bottancho khell zalolo. Hem korunk taka oglli khuxalkay bhogtali.

Chovot aili. Hea kallar nettoylolo ho ganv pollevpa sarko aslo. Ghora-ghoramni Gonnes Devak yevkar diunk keloli toyari polleun, Kudovak apunn khorench sopnantle eke kolponent asa koxem distalem.

Chovticho kall kabar zalo. Soglem bore bhaxen chol'lem. Atam Shannoiak-ui kamacho-i vhoddlo-so bhar naslo. Punn tea kallar zalolo faido polleun, Shannoiak Kudovachi khub vhoddvik bhogtali. Dekun, tannem taka aplea ghorabeacho ek vangddi kelo. To taka aplea puta bhaxen vagoytalo. Ani Sarvesh-ui Kudovacho aplo khaxa bhav zalolea porim mog kortalo. Barikantli barik aplea jivitachi gozal tache kodde uloytalo.

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Sarvesh kolejik vetalo. Kolejint taka Reena nanvachem ek cheddum khubuch avoddtalem. Sarvesh sodanch kolejintlean yetoch, Reenacheo sogleo gozali Kudovak sangtalo. Reena oxem dista ani toxem hansta. Reena az osle kopdde nheslolem ani tannem osle moche ghalole. Taka hem avoddta ani tem avddonam. Tachi ek-ek chal, tem khoim ravta ani tacho bapuy kitem korta... heo sogleo khobro to Kudovak sangtalo.

Kudov tacheo heo khobro aikotalo, ani kednam-kednam-i taka challoytalo -

"Mhaka Reenak kednam melloyta?"

"Melloytam ek dis." Itlench sangun Sarvesh tondd dhakttulem kortalo ani ogich bostalo. Toxem polleunk gelear, Reena taka davea dollean porian pollenaslem. Fokot hoch piso koso tachea fattlean bhonvtalo.

"Hanvem Reenak *propose* kelear tem mhaka *yes* mhonntolem? Hanv boro distolom Reena fuddeant?" Sarvesh zaite pavtti Kudova kodde vichartalo. Hea vicharak Kudov kitem zap ditolo? Kudovan tor Reenak kednach polleunk nam. Punn tem khub sundor, ekdom' borem cheddum itlench to zannam aslo. Ani tem-ui zalear Sarveshachea tonddantlean.

"Tum bhiyela kiteak? Tum ekdom' boro dista. Reena tuka kednach nam mhonnchem nam." Kudov taka asvasonn ditalo. To tachem kalliz kednach dukounk sodinaslo. Dekun, jitle-i pavtti to Reena babtint vichartalo title-i pavtti soglem tachea mona sarkem zatolem mhonn taka khatri ditalo.

Sarvesh gharant Kudova kodde ani kolejint Danisha lagim Reenacheo gozali uloytalo. Danish tacho ixtt aslo khoro, punn fokot aploch faido pollevpi aslo. Sarveshak to ruchin Reenacheo gozali sangtalo ani kapus koso varear choddoytalo. Sarvesh heo khobro aikunk Danisha fattlean kitlech duddu ogddaytalo. Dekun, Sarvesh mhollear taka duddu divpi *ATM* aslem.

"Reenak tor tuzo mog pottounk zai zalear, tunvem mottor-saikol soddun kolejik gaddi gheun yevcho

poddtolo." Ek dis Danishan Sarveshak bud dili.

"Gaddi ghe mhonn hanvem babak sanglear, to mhaka kolejikuch vochpacho bond kortolo." Apli poristhiti polleun Sarveshan Danishak sanglem.

"Gaddi nam zalear ek chokchokit ani uncha molacho mobail tori hatant asunk zai. Cheddvank tum *style* dakoyxi zalear tim tuka rokddinch farovtolim," Danishan sanglem. Sarvesha kodde mobail asloch. Ek astanam, baban dusro gheun diunk kottin aslem.

"Ek astanam baba novo ani dusro gheun diunchonam," apli man khala ghalun Sarveshan mhonnlem.

"Toxem zalear tum ek kam' kor. Tum ho mobail mhaka di, ani ghara vochun tuzo mobail chorun vhelo mhonn sang. Oxem sanglear tuka novo mobail gheunk konnachich addkholl aschinam." Danishan taka naddbud dili. To Danishache naddbudik bhul'lo.

Sarvesh sadeponnan vaddlolo. Eka cheddvachea moga khatir tannem aplea ixttachem sangnnem manun ghetlem. Taka aplo mobail Danishak diunk zodd zaunk nam, punn ayi-babak mat fott marunk augodd aslem. Tannem tankam ghoddoyloleo kannio sangleo, ani mharog to novo mobail vikto gheunk sanglem.

Sarvesh tea disa kolejichea kentinant gelo, ani aplo novo mobail sogleanche nodrek dista toso mezar dovorlo. Kentinant dusrea mezar Reena aplea ixttinni sangata boslolem aslem. Reenachi ek ixttinn hea novea mobailak bott dakounk lagli, ani tednam

Reenachi nodor tea mobailar geli.

"Hey Sarvesh, new mobile?" Reenan taka vicharlem.

"Yes Reena. New mobile. You can hold it. And if you want you can keep it also." Reenachim utram aikun piso zalolo Sarvesh kaichea kai uloyt Reenachea fuddeant gelo. Taka aplea mobailache duddu vosul zale disle. Sarveshan khorench aplea kallzant thaun taka mhonnlolem, punn Reenak to aplim fokannam korta dislem. Tache motintlea bhavnanchi taka matui somzonni nasli. Tannem to mobail aplea hatant ghetlo, ani tantuntleo sogleo adhunik sovloti polleleo ani to porot Sarvesha kodde dilo. Reenan tea mobailak hat laylo to Sarveshak eke kunvrin taka hat laylo oxem bhoglem. Tannem to mobail konnakuch hatant gheunk diunk nam. Punn Reena az aplea kodde hansun uloylam mhonn to khuxal aslo. He khuxen tannem aplea soglea ixttank partti dili.

Hi gozal to Kudovak porot-porot sangtalo. Tachem hem dhadosponn unnem zaunchem nhoi mhonn, Kudov dor pavtti tachi hi gozal aikopacho anik nett dakoytalo.

Sarveshan khoinchean tori Reenachi zolmachi tarik soddun kaddli. Tachea zolmache adle ratim ratchea barank fon korun taka porbim diunk, ani vangddach aplea kallzantlo ghutt taka sangunk tannem yevzonn ankli. Tachea zolmachea adlea disa, khoimsoruch vochonastanam, ratcho apunn fonar kitem uloytolo tem Kudovak fuddeant ubo dovorun to yesay marunk laglo.

Modianir, ghoddialache don-ui kantte barancher yevn thamble. Sarveshan aplo mobail hatant ghetlo, ani Reenacho fon numbor laylo.

"Hello?" Dusre vatten thaun Reena uloytalem.

"Reeeeena..." Sarvesh uchamboll zalo.

"Konn uloyta?"

"Reeeeena...hanv Sarvesh..."

"Konn Sarvesh?"

"Hanv Sarvesh... tujea vangdda xikta to...?"

"Am... to Sarvesh. Atam ugddas zalo. Sang, kitem zalem? Kiteak fon kelolo?"

"Reena, Happy Birthday..."

"Oh.. Thank you... Borem tor... Hanv fon dovortam..." Ani Reenan fon bond kelo.

Sarveshak dislem, ghoddie tea vellar tachea fuddeant tacho bapuy aslo, dekunuch taka fon bond korcho poddlo. Nam zalear, az to aplea kallzantlo ghutt Reenak sangtolo aslo.

Dusrea disa kolejint-ui Reenachi tich sodanchi vagnnuk asli. Jitle-i pavtti tem aplea tonddar hanso haddtalem, title-i pavtti Sarveshachea monant tache vixinchi maya odik vaddtali.

Thoddea disamni Sarveshacho zolm' dis aslo. Tachea adlea disa, Sarveshan aplea kolejintlea ixtt-ixttinnink kentinant aplea zolm' disachi partti dita mhonn perganv ghalolo.

Ratchim bara horam vazlolim, punn Sarvesh aplea kuddant zagoch aslo. Tache dolle mobailacher asle. Zait ghoddie, Reenacho fon va ek *miss call* yet mhonn to ravtalo. Bara zaun gelim... ek vazlem... don vazlim... ani xekim sokallchim sat vazun gelim. Ak'khi rat to nhidunk naslo. Fokot mobailak polleunuch aslo. Sokallim tachea ayi-baban taka ghott veng marun zolm' disachim porbim dilim, punn tachem tondd poddlolem aslem.

Bhasaylolea promannem tannem kolejint soglea ixtt-ixttinnink kentinant partti dili. Ixtt-ixttinni borinch khaun gelim, punn zache khatir ho somarombh ghoddoun haddlolo tench xevttim yevnk nam. Reena aple parttiek yevnk nam mhonn to khub sintir zalo, ani hi gozal tannem Kudovak sangli. Tache bhitor bhorloli bhirant polleun Kudov chintnanche valimni ghuspolo. Sarveshak distalem, aplea kallzachi gozal Reenak sangot zalear tem 'nam' mhonntolem ani asa ti-ui ixttagot nam zatoli. Tache vixim to itlo fikir astalo, sodanch tachi vhoddvik sangtalo, punn az khoxechea disak tache bhitor bhirant asli. Kudovak tache churchure disle. To Reenachea mogak khub tollmolltalo, punn tem taka udkachea thembea itlo-i mog diunk, aple monache khoinchech khanchi-konnxantlean raji naslem.

Aplea mogachem chintun Sarvesh hal'lolo. Hi oddchonn taka disan-dis odikuch dukache kholayent ghaltali. Ho tacho ghutt fokot Kudov zannam aslo. Hacher kitem tori upay kaddunkuch zai mhonn Kudovan aple bhitor tharaylem ani aplea bhava sarkea ixttak adar korunk yevjilem.

Ek dis boro jhanot nhesun Kudov kolejint gelo. Kolejint pavtanch eka xikpi tornnatea lagim tannem vicharlem, "he kolejint Reena mhonntat tem konn?"

"Hem tem *jeans pant* ani *white blouse* nhesun asa tem Reena." Poisuch thaun eka cheddvak bott dakoyt tea bhurgean taka sanglem. Tednam Kudovan Reenacher barik nodor ghali. Jitli Sarveshan tachi sobitay Kudovak sangloli titlench tem sundor aslem. Sarvesh taka sodam Reenacheo gozali sangtalo, zoxem kitem tem khorench tachi uni asli. Fattlem-fuddlem chintinastanam Kudov nitt Reenachea fuddeant gelo.

"Tum Reena?" Kudovan taka vicharlem.

"Hoi. Kitem zalem?" Reenan vicharlem.

"Hanv Sarveshacho ixtt. Sarvesh tujea vangdda xikta polle to." Kudov.

"Hoi? Kitem zalem Sarveshak?" Reenacho anik ek prosn.

"To tuzo khub mog korta, ani tuje kodde logn zaunk sodta," Kudovan sanglem.

Kudovan him utram chalte chalin sanglim khorim, punn him utram tachea tonddantlean bhair soronam fuddem, Reena bhonvtim aslolim tachim soglim ixtt-ixttinni ek goddibhor thoinch ghott koxim zalim. Ani mottean hansunk laglim. Tankam polleun Reenachea dolleantlean dhunvor bhair sorlo.

"Am. Hakach lagon oso kutro koso to mhajea fattlean bhonvta. Taka sang, tachea oslea kutreancher hanv fator sud'dam marinam. *Third class* khoincho."

Reenan teach ujeachea forsar Kudovak sanglem. Tachim him utram aikun, Kudov thoinch khillovlo. Tachea tonddantlean ek-ui utor bhair sorunk nam.

Je toren Sarvesh Reenachi vakhann'nni kortalo, tantuntlo ek ttok'keacho porian uzvadd tachea tonddar naslo. Thoddo vell taka dislem, ghoddie Reena mhonn somzun apunn bolteakuch mellunk aila astolo. Apli man khala ghalun to nitt cholun ghara gelo.

Thoddea vellan thoimsor Sarvesh pavlo.

"Hi Reena. How are you?" Sarveshan taka sodanche porim zap keli. Itlean sogllim tachim ixtt-ixttinni vhoddlean hansunk laglim. To thoim pavche poilim kitem-kat ghoddlem tachi Sarveshak matui khobor nasli. Punn Reenachea dolleamni tannem ragacho uzo pollelo. Reenak odikuch tiddok choddloli, kiteak Kudovan taka tachea sangatiam somor Sarveshachi gozal sangloli. Tem ragan haltalem tem pollelear, tem kitem-i korunk toyar aslem mhonn distalem. Reena samkem Sarveshaxim fuddeant ailem, ani tachea kanar ek zonnzonit thapott vazoylem. Sarveshachea dolleantlean dukham vhanvlim. Tachea kaim ixttamni taka thoimsorlo kuxin vhelo ani to thoim pavche adim ghoddloli khobor taka sangli.

Sarveshak sonvsarache chalicho odmas aslo. Kudovan jem kitem kelem taka lagon to matui niraxi zaunk naslo. Aplem vaitt nhoi, punn borench chintun tannem hem soglem aplea khatir kelem mhonn to zannam aslo. To ragar aslo zalear, fokot apnnacher. Hea sonvsarachea chalincher. Reena voile zatichem ani to sokoile zaticho. Hakach lagon Reenan az taka kochrea poros vaitt korun soddlo.

Sarveshan aplem duk Kudovak sanglem. Ek-ek pavtti, "mhaka hea sonvsarant ravunk naka, hanv jiv ditam" oxem to niraxiponnan mhonntalo. Kudov taka khubuch somzaytalo. Punn tache motint fokot Reena ani tachem thapott vaztalem. To Reenacho itlo mog kortalo, Reenan apnnacher marlolea thapttachem taka matui vaitt disunk nam. Punn atam apunn Reenak ani aplea ixtt-ixttinnink koso fuddo kortolo hench chintun tannem apli tokli uddoyloli. Hi gozal tannem kallzak lavun ghetloli. "Hea sonvsarant mhaka konnuch naka," oxem to vhoddlean add'ddun-add'ddun mhonntalo.

Tachea dolleantlean dukham vhanvpachem chaluch aslem. Tachem kalliz dhok-dhok korun avaz kortalem. Angantlean kampero suttlolo. Ek-ek pavtt roddtanam taka kallzacho atak ailolea porim zatalem.

"Mhojem kalliz hulpota Kudov. Suskar gheunk tras zatat. Konnem tori mhaka fugar kela koso dista. Hanv khub thoklam," ek dis okosmat to Kudovak sangunk laglo, ani dolleantlean udkacheo zhori vhanvoun roddunk laglo. Borea sobhavacho monis pixeponnam korta toslim to pixeponnam kortalo. Kednam-i kosle-i vostuk polletoch ravtalo. Zalear, kednam-i apleach kodde hat haloun uloytalo.

Dotora borabor kam' korun Kudovacho odmas sangtalo, Sarvesh khub bhiyela. Va to chintnamni buddla. Zaite pavtti "apli tokli dukta, toklent kitem zata" oxem mhonnun to lamb suskar soddtalo.

Kudovak tache khub churchure distale. Oxe ovosthent astanam, Kudovan tachea angak hat laylo. Chodd-so vell tachem ang taplolem astalem. Ghoddie

zor aila va tea vellar tachi kudd toxi vagta kainch somzonaslem. Ek dotor koso Kudovak itli khatri asli, tacho prexor boroch denvla. To choltanam bebdea bhaxen oso-toso, halot-dholot choltalo. Ho tacho sobhav polleun Kudov boroch ghaborlo.

Sumar ek sumanacho kall sorlo. Sarveshan kolejik vochpachem bond kelem. Porikxe khatir xikunk sutti dilea mhonn ayi-babak sanglolem. Obheasachem nib gheun to aplea kuddant vetalo. Sokallim tem sanz porian ekloch bosun tench chintalo. Fattle att dis tannem jevnnachi unddich tonddant gheunk nasli. Jevonn aplea kuddant vhortalo, punn uprant zonelantlean bhair uddoytalo. To anik-ui oskot zalolo.

Taka ghottay divpi Kudov ekloch monis aslo. Punn Kudovak mog mhollear kitem tachi kainch khobor nasli. Sarvesh aplea kallzak bhogpi koxtt lhou korche khatir Kudova lagim uloytalo khoro, punn Kudov tachem sangnnem fokot ek kanni koxi aikotalo. Modim-modim somadananchim utram uloun tache tras lhou korpacho proyotn kortalo.

Punn kitlo vell? Sarvesh Kudovak ordem duk sangtalo, punn urlolem duk tannem apleach kallzant dovorun tacho ek pottlo kelolo. Hem duk tachem kalliz anik-ui zodd kortalem. Ani eke modianir, konnakuch sulus lagunk dinastanam Sarvesh gharantlo bhair sorun gelo. Ani pular thaun uddki marun aplo jiv sompoylo.

Ekloch put. Apurbayecho. Borea gunnancho. Kednach konnak vaitt utor divpi nhoi. Voilean xikpant poilo yevpi. Aplea kamant-ui huxar. Sang, tachea avoy-bapayk kitem bhogchem nam? Ak'kho ganv duki aslo.

Tea disa tachem ghor ek ujeachem agttem zalolem. Avoy roddun-roddun zomnir poddloli. Bapuy fokot aple dolle haloytalo. Tanchim soirim ani borem magpi, Devan oxem kiteak korunk zai aslem oxem ekamekak vichartalim.

Ani Kudov? Tannem oslo dis aplea jivitant kednach polleunk naslo. Tachem ontoskorn'n taka itlench sangtalem - hea sogleak toch guneanvkari.

Tannem teach vellar tem ghor soddun vochunk yevjilem. Punn Shannoi ani Sarveshachi avoy taka ghott dhorun roddtalim. Ani tachem lagim itlench magtalim – "amcho asro koso amcheach fuddeant rav."

Tanchem duk polleun Kudovan aplem mon bodol'lem, ani tea gharant ravunk yevjilem. Punn tem ghor taka khaunk yetalem. Gharachea dor konnxak Sarveshacho avaz aikunk yetalo. Kudov tache vixim chintun-yevzun khub roddtalo.

Kudovachi avoy meloli tednam to khub lhan aslo, ani bapuy tor soreak lobdololo. Dekun, taka avoy-bapaychea mogacho valor khobor naslo. Sarvesha uprant tachea ayi-baban aplea jivitacher kallo pordo oddlolo. Tanchi hi poristhiti polleun to Devak vichartalo – "Deva, tunvem mhaka hanchea sarkim avoy-bapuy kiteak diunk nant?"

Sarveshachea mornna uprant Shannoian aplo dhondo bond kelo. Tim dogam-i apleach sonvsarant astalim. Dogam-i kednam utt'tat, kitem randtat, ani kednam nhidtat, kainch kollonaslem.

Sumar ek voros bolanddlem. Ek dis bazarant

khobram-potrancher Kudovan oxea mathalleachi khobor vachli - "Pen-de-Tona ganvchea lokanche nimanne dis." Kudov ekdomuch thottaklo. Hi kosli khobor? Tannem fuddem vachlem - 'hea ganvant marekar pidda ailea. Oxeachi pidda. Ani hea duensak sampddun lok eka mhoinea bhitor morun vetolo. Hi pidda aslolea mon'xan kosle-i vostuk hat laylo ani ti vost konnem-i aplea hatant ghetlear tem duens rokddench dusrea mon'xak zata. Az porian hea duensacho ilaz khoincheach dotora lagim sodun kaddunk zaunk nam. Sorkaran 'Pen-de-Tona' hea ganvant vochunk-yevnk bondi ghalea.'

Hi khobor vachun Kudov chintnamni ghuspolo. Taka aplea lokacho khub husko zalo. Kitem korchem tench taka somzonam zalem.



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Sokallchea parar uttun Kudov ghorantlean bhair sorlo. 'Pen-de-Tona' zunvear vochunk, adim dor ordea-hora uprant feribott asli. Punn tea oxeachea duensak lagon sorkaran atam hi feribott bond keloli.

Kudov poltoddi feribottichea dhokear pavlo. Thoimsor sorkaran pulisecho paro manddlolo. Tea ganvant konnakuch bhitor sorunk dinasle, nam mhonn konnakuch tea ganvantlean bhair yevnk mellonaslem. Oxe poristhitint tannem ek manddnni kaddli.

"Patranv, mhaka zunvear vochunk zai aslem. Thoimsor mhaka ek gorjechench kam' asa." Lagim sorun Kudovan eka pulise kodde ganvant proves korunk porvangi magli.

"Hea ganvant ek marekar duens ailam. Konn-ui boro monis hea ganvant bhitor sorlear, tem duens rokddench taka-i zata ani to monis morun veta. Dekun sorkaran thoim vetoleank addaunk amkam formaylam." Tea pulisan taka sanglem.

Tea danddeachea pulisa kodde Kudovan zaitech prosn vicharle. Taçhe sangnne promannem, hem duens oxeachem ani ekdom' bhirankull. Hi pidda zalole monis eka mhoinea bhitor oskot zaun morun vetat. Konn-ui monis he piddek sampoddlolea mon'xa fuddeant ubo ravlo va taka hat porian laylo zalear, ho rog vareantlean rokddoch uddun dusrea-i mon'xak zata. Ani oxem korun ho rog eklea thaun dusreak, ani dusrea thaun tisreak zait gela. Hi pidda konnak asa va nam hem-ui topasunk dotora lagim azun-ui tank nam. Hem duens ganvantlea soglea lokak zalam mhonn sorkaran jahir kelam. Dekunuch sorkaran, hea ganvant vochunk va hea ganvantlean bhair sorunk addambo ghala. Tankam jevonn ani her gorjecheo vostu te feribottin dhaddun ditat. Tem-ui zalear satolleak ek pavtt. Tea bhair, plasttikachim thoddim kherit angavlim-i dhaddtat. Him angavlim ghaltoch mon'xachi ak'khi kudd dhampta ani fokot suskar gheunk il'lo zago ugto asta. Him angavlim ghalun konn-ui monis oxeachi pidda zalolea lagim uloyt zalear, taka tem duens zavpachi xoketay khub unni asta. Dusrea utramni, tea ganvchea lokank to ganv ek ifern zalolo.

Hem duens tea ganvant koxem ailem tem tea pulisank khobor nasli, punn sod'deak meloleancho ankddo atam meren sumar pondra zalolo. Zoxe dis vetale, toxe anik-ui lok morun vetole mhonn to taka sangtalo.

"Punn hi itli bhirankull pidda kosli ani heach ganvant koxi?" Kudovan taka vicharlem.

"Oslem duens poilech pavtt dotorank mell'lam. Ani ak'khea sonvsarant, sumar pondra te vis lok osle

piddek sampoddlolo mell'la. Tea desanchea sorkaran tankam kherit kuddamni bond korun dovorleant, ani atam tancher xikop cholta," tea pulisen taka fuddem sanglem.

"Amchea sorkaran hem duens poisaunk azun-ui kosloch upay gheunk nam?" Kudovan taka prosn kelo.

"Amerikek thaun boreantle bore *scientist* ani dotor haddleat. Te hea duensak vokhod sodun kaddunk vavurtat. Ani thodde oxem-i mhonntat, te hacho ilaz soddun kaddtat mhonnsor hea ganvcho soglo lok morun vetolo." Pulisen sanglem.

"... ganvcho soglo lok morun vetolo" him utram aikun Kudovachea kallzak bhalo toplo. Aple ixtt, aplo lok ani aplo ganv nopoit zatolo tem aikunk konnak puttvot? Koslo tori upay korunk zai aslo.

"Hanv hea ganvcho put, ani mhaka hea ganvant bhitor sorunk porvangi zai," Kudovan tea bharar pulisek sanglem.

"Hem polle, kitlea zannanchim soirim ani famil apnnak aplea ghorcheancher ani soiriancher ek nodor marunk di mhonn hanga yevn roddtat tim polle. Punn ami kitem kortoleanv? Hankam-i morunk sodd mhonnta? Ganvant proves korunk konnakuch porvangi nam." Thoim hajir aslolea sabar lokank bott dakoun to pulis uloylo.

"Hea ganvant ek Vernekar nanvacho dotor aslo. Tannem kosloch upay gheunk nam?" Kudovak Dr. Vernekaracho ugddas ailo toso tannem tea pulise kodde vicharlem.

" Dotor Vernekarachem noxib. Sumar sov mhoine adim taka ek obsoeg zalo, ani tednam thaun tannem hea dovakhanneant yevpachem bond kelem. Tache uprant anik eka dotoran ho dovakhanno cholounk ghetlo. Punn hea duensan tacho-i ghat ghetlo. He piddek sampoddlole thodde lok tachea fuddeant ilaz gheunk yetale; ani tanche khatir vavurtanam to-ui somplo. Atam konnuch dotor hea ganvant yevnk sodinam." Tea pulisen dotora vixim mhaiti dili.

Kudovache toklevelem vojem anik-ui zodd zalolem. Itli bhirankull hi pidda, dotoracho porian tinnem ghat ghetlolo. To odmas kortalo, sumar anik don mhoineamni tea ganvantlo soglo jiv sompun vetolo.

Kudovachem kalliz aplea lokam khatir churchurtalem. Koxem-i korun taka ganvant bhitor vochunk zai aslem. Punn pulisecho koddok paro also, ani tantuntlean pasar zaunk titlem sompem naslem. Zunvear vochunk dorya rundayen vhodd aslo. Tea bhair taka penvonk-ui sarkem yenaslem.

Kudov doryache deger bosun poltoddi udkar ufetolo aplo ganv polletalo. Aple bhurgeponnavele sogle, godd-koddu ugddas tantum asat te atam sompun vetole mhonn to khub duki zalo. Tannem tea ganvantlo aplea jivitacho ek-ek khinn ugddas kelo. Doryachem udok polletoch tache motint ek chitr ubem zalem.

Ek pavtt Vitin titivak ratcho khub uxir zal'lo. Dekun taka nimanni feribott chukli. Tednam tannem aplo buskott, kalsanv ani moche kaddun hatant voir ubarun dhorle, ani gomttibhor udkantlean cholun dorya par kelo. Hi tachi kornni tinttear gazli. Konnem tori Vitin titivak tannem hem koxem kelem mhonn

vichartoch tannem sanglem -

"Udkachi sukti sompun bhorti yeta tednam doryachim don udkam zunvear thaun poltoddi porian modinch ekamekak melltat. Mhonnche, voilea vattarantlem udok khala denvun yeta, ani bhailea doryachem udok voir choddta. Him don-ui udkam ekamekak melltoch, modemkot lharam koxim utpon'n zatat, ani tacho porinnam' dhovo fenno zata. Udkachea hea fennea ani lharam modem, poltoddi thaun zunvear porian doximponn *(seperation)* toyar zata. Him lharam doryant modinch ubim zatat. Mhonnche, te suvater udkacho thav unno asa mhonn kollun yeta. Ani hea lharamni toyar keloli voll ek rosto koso somzun hanv udkantlean poltoddi thaun zunvear cholun ailom." Hem tachem sangnnem Kudovachea monachea pordear aslem. Punn khorench udkantlean cholunk rosto asa kai?

Kudov adim kednach doryant modem vochunk naslo. Torui tannem aplem kalliz darun kelem. Ani doryachi sukti sompun bhorti yevpacho vell rakhun boslo.

Ratchea sadde-barank bhailea doryachem udok bhitor yevnk suru zalem. Altoddi thaun Pen-de-Tona zunvear porian doryachea lharamni ek kherit voll koxi toyar keloli. Tannem thoimsor pareak aslolea pulisancher nodor marli. Tanchea dolleam add udkant denvlo. Lharanchi voll toyar zalole vatten cholun gelo. Udok sumar gomttibhor aslem. Vitin titiva bhaxen tannem altoddi thaun poltoddi poinn kelem.

Ratcho vell to. Tannem zunvear aplem pavl dovorlem.

Zunvear dovorlolem pavl tache bhitor ek novo atmvisvas vaddoytalem. Apunn tharaylolea ganvant pavlo oxem taka distalem.

Ek poti kaim vorsam pordesant kam' korun yetoch tachi potinn taka vengoyta toxi hea zunveache matiyen-ui taka aplea gopant ghetlolo. Sorbhonvtonnchea varean taka apleponnan revddaylo. Ratcho vell aslo khoro, punn thoinchem ak'khem soimb zagem ravun taka yevkar ditalem tem to onnbhovtalo.

Zhaddam-peddam taka "tum khoim aslo?" mhonn vichartalim. To hea soimbant itlo gul'l zalolo, tannem apo-ap aplea hatant ek fator ghetlo ani to ambeachea zhaddacher xevttunk aplo hat ubarlo.

Punn tacho hetu az veglloch aslo. Tannem aplea hatantle fator porot zomnir uddoyle, ani ganvche vattek laglo.

Sokall zaun uzvaddachem khor vot ximpoddlolem. Horxim lok ap-aplim ghoram soddun ganvar bhonvtale te dixtti poddtale, punn hea vellar kanvlle porian khoim lipleat tachi kainch khobor nasli. Ganvcho soglo lok aplim ghoram bond korun bhitor aslo.

Tannem puray ganvant bhonvddi marli. Rostear konnuch disunk nam. To dongrar aslole igorjent gelo. Igorjechea darar marlem. Itlean padri vigaran dar ugoddlem. Padri vigarak polleun tachea pāya pondchi zomin konsllun doxim zali. To taka polletoch urlo, ani tachea tonddantlean apo-ap utram futtlim, "fador tum?"

Ho padri vigar toch aslo, zannem Kudovachi avoy

melea uprant tacho samball kelolo to. Jivitak fuddo korunk xikovpi tachea jivitacho poilo asro. To porot hea odruxttachea vellar hea ganvant kiteak aila hench Kudov niyalltalo.

"Konn tum? Hanvem tuka vollkunk nam!" Padri vigar uloylo. Kudov atam kuddin vaddlolo dekun vollkunk yenaslo.

" Fador, hanv Solomon. Lhan astanam hanv tuje borabor astalom." Kudovan taka apli vollok dakoyli.

Padri vigarachea dolleam mukhar Kudovachem bhurgeponn ubem zalem. To tachem ugtem ang polleun bhiyelo. Tannem taka igorjechea ghorant bhitor ghetlo. Ani sorkaran dilolem plasttikachem kherit angvostr taka nhesunk dilem.

Kudovan padri vigarak tachea fattlean aplea jivitant kitem ghodlem, to koso tea klinikant nokrek pavlo, ani uprant Marcelant vavurlo tem soglem sanglem.

"Fador, hem duens koxem ailem?" Kudovan padri vigarak vicharlem.

"Hem duens koxem ailem ti konnakuch sarki khobor nam. Punn khub zann mhonntat, Simanv kasadorak lagun oxem zalem," padri vigaran sanglem.

Simanv ho ek kasador aslo. Ak'khea ganvant fokot tachech lagim arm' aslem. Tache somzonne promannem, ak'khea sonvsarak tachea oslo anik kasador toyar zaunchonam. Ran-dukor ganvant dixtti poddlo zalear lok taka sangtale. Magir to tea ran-dukrak faran martalo, ani taka aple mottor-saikolir

ghalun ak'khea ganvant bhonvtalo. Kudov lhan astanam her bhurgeam vangdda, tannem marun haddlolem kas polleunk tache fattafatt dhanvtalo. Hea sogleacho taka ugddas zalo.

"Sumar don mhoine fattim, zunvear voir aslolea dongrar thoddim suknnim ailim ani hangach rabito kelo. Suknnim kai kitem, kainch sarki khobor nasli. Polleunk kallim kitt. Pakhe koxe. Samke devchar. Fokot pakham asat mhonn tankam suknnim mhonnpachim. Konnem tori Simanvak sanglem. Tannem aplem arm' ghetlem ani tancher far soddle. Don suknnim morun khala poddlim, urlolim uddun gelim. Simanvan apnnem marlolea suknneank ghara haddlim, ani randun aple famili sangata khalim. Sumar att disamni Simanv ani tachi ak'khi famil duent zali. Dotor tankam topastoch aslo. Punn eka mhoino adim poilo Simanv, uprant tachi potinn ani dogam-i poram ontorlim. Tea mhoineant Simanvak bhett diunk gelolo va tachea fuddeant ubo ravlolea soglea lokank zor ailo. Uprant thoddea disamni to lok rogot onkhunk laglo. Ani oxe toren ekleak thaun dusreak, ani dusreak thaun ak'khea ganvant ho rog ximpoddlo." Padri vigaran roga fattlem nimit sanglem.

"Fador, tuka Bisp Saiban Damanvche eke firgojent chakri korunk dhaddlolo mhonn hea ganvcho lok sangtalo. Zalear, tum porot hanga koso?"

"Jednam hea ganvant oslem oxeachem duens ailam mhonn mhaka koll'lem, tednam hanvem Bisp Saiba lagim kherit magnnem korun, hea ganvant vavr korunk mhaka porot soeg diuncho mhonn sanglem. He piddek az porian koslench vokhod mellunk nam.

Punn Jezuchea utramni sangtolo zalear, tankam sasnnak Tachim bhagidaram korunk, tankam kherit mozot diunk hanv porot ailam. Melole kuddik matiyek lavunk ani hem duensant oskot zalolea mon'xank nimanno sonvskar diunk ailam."

"Fador, Devan hem amche sovem oxem kiteak kelam?" Kudovachea dolleantlean dukham vhanvunk laglim.

"Dev amcho bhavart polleta. Visvas dovor, amkam salvar korunk toch ek anj-boddvo toyar kortolo"

Padri vigarachi oskot zaloli kudd polleun, padri vigarak-ui ti pidda zalea mhonn Kudovak koll'lem. Ani hem padri vigar-ui zannam aslo. Punn aple koxtt Jezuk bhettoun to dusreache koxtt lhou korunk firgojent loka khatir vavurtalo.

Padri vigarachem besanv gheun to igorjechea ghorantlo bhair sorun gelo.

Ganvant rostear konnuch disonaslo. Tachem khomptti aslolea ghoran atam moddon zomnik vengoylolem. To te moddlole khompttexim gelo.

Tachea xezareak tacho ixtt Raymond ravtalo. Raymondachea ghorantlean taka avaz aikunk yetalo. Tannem Raymondachea ghorachem dar khottkhottaylem. Raymondachea bapayn, Bosteanvan dar ugoddlem.

"*Uncle,* hanv Kudov. Raymond asa?"

Bosteanvan Kudovak vollkholo. Tannem taka gharant bhitor ghetlo. Kudovan pollelem, Raymond

oskot zaun aplea kuddant khattir nhidun aslo. Tache oskot kuddichi doxea sangtali, to hea sonvsarant fokot thoddech dis jiyetolo.

Kudovan ganvantlea anik-ui kaim lokank bhett keli. Sogle zann ap-aplea angak sorkaran dilolem plasttikachem anglem ghalun bhonvtale. Thodde pidden foddfoddtale, thodde fokot aplea mornnache dis meztale. Sogleanchea tonddar bhirant ani kampero upraslolo.

Kudov eke eksure suvater gelo. Hem soglem sompun vetolem oxem taka dislem. Ganvcher ailole marekar dis polleun to khub dukovlo. Taka-i aplea loka borabor ho sonvsar soddun vochum distalem. To hea vellar aplem lacharponn onnbhovtalo.

Tachea bhurgeponnar, padri vigaran taka dilolo rejist tannem aplea bolsantlo bhair kaddlo. Ani tacher aslolim utram vachlim, "Kallzache Kholayek Thaun." Tannem aplea fattlea jivitacher niyall kelo - bhurgeponn, tachim tim mosteponnam, ixttancho mog ani aplea ganvchea lokancho husko. Hem soglem niyalltanam, tannem iskolant astanam Ramesh mastorak sanglolim utram tache tokle fuddlean ghunvunk laglim.

"Kallache gorje promannem hanv novi kranti utpon'n kortolom. Mhojea ganva khatir, mhojea raxttra khatir ani mhojea desa pasot hanv vavurtolom. Mhojea jivachem hanv yogdan ditolom ani sasnnak omor zaunk vavurtolom."

He ghoddiek, apnna bhitor hea soglea lokank salvar korpachi podvi asa oxem taka distalem. To kitem

kortolo tem taka kainch khobor nasli, punn hea vellar tache motint fokot itlench aslem – 'mhozo ganv salvar korop ho mhozo kaido. Hea trasantle tankam bhair kaddunk mhoji zababdari.' Tannem ganvchea lokancho bhar aplea mathear ghetlo, ani tanche pasot kitem tori korunk raji zalo.

Kudovan fuddli vatt tankli ani Dr. Vernekarachea dovakhannea meren gelo. Dovakhanneak vhoddlem talem marlolem. Tea duensan, Dr. Vernekarache suvater ailolea dotoracho-i ghat ghetlolo, dekun tachea fattlean thoim anik konnuch dotor hea ganvant yevnk naslo.

Thoinchea bhonvtonnchea soglea dukonank-ui toslinch mottim talim aslim.

Tannem dovakhanneache bhonvtim bhonvddi marli, ani khoimsor-ui bhitor sorunk ugti suvat asa zalear polleli. Kudov adim dovakhanneant vavr kortalo tednam, ek dis chukon klinikachi chavi dotor ghara gheun gelolo. Tednam taka nhidunk zago naslo. Dekun tannem zonelantlean ek tar *(sori)* ghalun zonelachi khilli *(lock)* voir kaddun zonel ugoddlolem. Ani bhitor sorun pennem kelolem. Kudov tea zonelachea fuddeant gelo, ani ti khilli tech bhaxen ugti korun dovakhanneant bhitor proves kelo.

Bhitor soglo dhull ani kochro zalolo aslo. Jivak tras gheun tannem kilinik saf kelem. Klinikachem fattlem dar ani zonelam ugtim kelim. Dovakhanneant, dotorachim soglim pustokam ani topaspacheo toxeoch proyog *(experiment)* korpacheo vostu asunk zai teach zagear asleo. To hea klinikant nokri kortalo tednam, heo sogleo vostu uzar korunk zannam aslo. Tanchea

vapora promannem konnem tori teo manddun dovorloleo. Heo vevosthit ritin zagear asloleo vostu itlench sangtaleo - ek dis dotorak okosmat hem klinik soddun vechem poddlem.

Thoimsor topaspachea mezar kuxik govetamni dovorloleo faili *(file)* taka disleo. Hea failincher, tea klinikant yevpi dor eka mon'xachem nanv aslem. Dotoran tantum he halinche piddek sampoddlolea lokancho puray itihas, zoxe porim piddevontacho rogtacho riportt, hem duens zalam mhonn dakoytoleo khunnam, adi. osleo sogleo gozali boroun dovorloleo.

Tachi nodor Simanv Rodriguesache failir poddli. Hi fail Simanv kasadorachea nanvachi asli. Simanv, zaka lagun hea ganvant duens pavlem. Tannem te failintlo tache vixincho ripott vachlo. Te failint, tachi topasnni korun toyar kelolea riporttachim kagdam aslim. Tachea rogta vixim, tea bhair taka kitem-kitem zata, ani hem duens zatoch kosleo khunnam disun yetat tem dotoran iskuttaun boroun dovorlolem. Tachea borabor anik zaitea lokancheo faili asleo. Ek-ek fail kaddun tannem vachli.

Soglem vachlea uprant, hi pidda lokak koxi zata ani marun uddoyta tachi taka zannvay mell'li.

Hem duens voxeachem. Ekleak jem duens zata tem vareantlean uddon dusreak lagta. Ho rog zatoch poilo zor yeta, kudd oskot zata ani uprant monis rogot onkhun aplo prann soddta. Hi pidda mon'xachea rogtant aslolim *White Blood Cell*-am nopoit korta. *White Blood Cell*-am monis duesantlean boro zaunk soinik koxem vavurta. Him *Cell*-am amche kuddint nam zalear monis kosleach duensantlo boro zavchonam. Oxe toren

hea ganvant mon'xak zor, thonddi oslim duensam zatat, ani tim vaddot vetat ani monis sompta. Ho eke torecho zontu *(virus), AIDS* duensa oslo. *AIDS* mon'xak kaim vorsam jivi dovorta, punn hem duens itlem ghatki, ekach mhoinea bhitor mon'xak sompoyta.

Hem duens mon'xak koxem marun uddoyta tem Kudov atam zannam aslo, punn hantuntlean salvar korunk kitem kortolo hem chintun-chintun to samko thoklo.

To poilim dovakhanneant nokri kortalo tednam, onnbhov gheunk ailolea novea dotorank Dr. Vernekar aplo poilo updes sangtalo - duentik vokhod diunche poilim, pidda kosli ani tachi sogli mahiti zannam zavop khub gorjechem. Kiteak, thoddea piddank vokhod dinastanam ilaz mellta, zalear thoddeank pekovnni diunk torekvar vokhdam misoll korun diunchim poddtat.

Koslo-i upay mellot kai mhonn chintun, to tea klinikant aslolim soglim pustokam challta.

Eke vatten ganvant mornnacho ankddo vaddot vetalo. Tea bhair, zoxe dis vetale toxe tacho mogacho padri vigar ani Raymond ixtt-ui hea duensachea gulamponnant sompot vetale. Padri vigar rogot onkhtalo, ani Raymond hea sonvsarant anik att dis kaddit mhonn khatri nasli.

Hi poristhiti niyallit to klinikachea umbrear yevn boslo. Apunn harlo, apnnachean tanchea pasot kainch korunk zainam hem niyallun to khub roddlo. Te ghoddiek tachi nodor, tea klinika mukhar ubi aslole Fernandesache khannavollicher geli. Fernandesachi

khannavoll atam samkem bhutanchem ghor koxem distalem. Sogleak mavliamni aplem zall posraylolem. Adlo ugddas korunk to te khannavolli meren pasoyek gelo. Tednam taka thoim ek dhovo undir dislo. Kallea noxttea undrank dhanvddaunk Fernandesan dhovea undrancho vapor kelolo tachi yad aili. Ani tannem apleach monant mhonnlem – 'Aplo veapar salvar korunk, Fernandesan kai bori hikmot uzar keloli. Punn az koslo faido zalo? Sogleachem zalam nisonnton.'

Itlean tachea monant ek chintop ailem. Tea dhovea undra bhaxen, mon'xache kuddint oslim *blood cell*-am ghalim, ani tannim hea melolea *White Blood Cell*-ank kuxin dovorun novim *cell*-am zolmak haddlim zalear, amche kuddintlim rogtachim him soglim *cell*-am ekttaim zaun hea duensa add zhogoddtolim, ani oxe ritin hi pidda nopoit zatoli.

Hem chintop Kudovak ek nim'nno asro koso aslo. Tannem Devak ulo marlo, ani aplo vavr nettan suru kelo. Dovakhanneant vochun porot gorjechim pustokam vachlim. Rogtachea oslea *Cell*-ank zolmak haddchi vatt sodunk tannem aplem ginean zhoroylem.

Tea ganvant doryache deger lhan rompio koxeo dhakttim zhaddam zatalim. Sogle lok taka pekovnnechem zhadd mhonntale. Konn-ui monis poddun ghavo zalo zalear, adle zannte hea zhaddanchim panam vanttun tea ghayar ghaltale. Dusrea disa ghavo pektalo, boro zatalo.

Tea zhaddachea panamni, ghavo pekovpachi ani boro korpachi kosli xokti asa ti taka zannam zaunk zai aslem.

Tannem toslea kaim zhaddancheo rompio umttaun haddleo. Tancho dik kaddun mikroskopant ghalo, ani tacher bariksannin niyall kelo. Taka, oslim kitlinch *Cell*-am tea zhaddachea dikant aslolim dislim.

Tannem apleachem il'lem rogot kaddlem. Thoddo vell hem rogot vareak ugtem aslem dekun, tache bhitor aslolim choddxim *Cell* -am morun gelolim. Tannem hem rogot tea zhaddachea dikant misoll kelem. Ani mikroskopant kitem ghoddta tem pollelem. Hea zhaddachea dikant aslolim *Cell*-am ek attvoch khell khelltalim tim tannem pollelem. Rogtantlim melolim *Cell*-am tea dikant misoll zatalim tednam hea *Cell*-nk tankam kuxin kaddtalim. Ani him *Cell*-am jiv aslolea *Cell*-ank porot novim *Cell*-am utpon'n korunk ghottay ditalim. He vorvim mhellea va duensak lagon pirddear zalolem rogot porot saf zatalem.

Mikroskopa khal tannem pollelolo khell hea ganvant ximpoddlole pidde add zoit zoddunk ek milagrincho ghutt zalo.

Tea zhaddachim *Cell* -am mon'xache kuddint aslolea rogtant misoll zaun, aplem kam' korunk taka favo ti ghottay divop gorjechem aslem. Tannem tea rosayonnik *(chemical)* vokhdacho vapor kelo. Tim tantum misoll kelim, ani oxe ritin hea vokhdacho nimanno nomuno toyar kelo.

Kudovak ho sôd ek vhodd khoxechi gozal asli. Punn hem vokhod hea dunesak pekovnni diunk upkartolem? Ho ek vhodd prosn aslo. He chear dis tannem aplea jivak suseg ghenastanam dis-rat vavr kelo. Tannem hem vokhod eke battlent ghalem, ani Raymondachea ghara gelo.

Raymondachea gharachea darar martoch, Bosteanvan dar ugoddlem. Ti pidda atam tanchea ghorantlea sogleankuch zaloli. Khuxalkayeche umedir tannem Bosteanvak sanglem, "*uncle*, hanvem tumkam borim korpacho upay sodun kaddla. He battlentlem vokhod tumi ghexat zalear, tem duens borem zatolem."

Bosteanvachea gharant soglinch rogot onkhtalim. Ani battli hatant gheun vokhod dakoytalo to Kudov aslo. Toch Kudov zo ganvant an'naddponnam kortalo. Toch Kudov zo jevnnak padiser zatalo. Toch Kudov zo ganvant aslo va naslo konnakuch poddun gelolem naslem. Hakach lagon, hea vellar Kudovan khoxechea or'ran sangloli gozal tancheo moskoreo korpa sarki disli.

Bosteanvan taka oddit-oddit ghara bhair haddlo. Tachea hatantli vokhdachi battli ghetli, ani rostear marun foddli.

"Hangasorlo voch. Amcher ailolea odruxttachim anik fokannam korum naka. Tum onath ani rostad. Melo va urlo konnak kainch poddun vochunk nam. Punn ami famil aslolim mon'xam. Familint mon'xak kosli-i duk zata ti fokot famil asloloch monis zannam. Voch hangasorlo."

Kudovan itle koxtt gheun toyar kelolea vokhdachem mhotv somzonastanam, niraxi zalolea Bosteanvan ragan Kudovak dukllun bhair ghalo. Him utram, apunn jivoch astanam apnnak konnem tori ujeant hulpavpa sarkim dislim. "Khoincheach provadiak apleach ganv-ghora man mellonam" oxem Jezun sanglolem. To ogeponnan uttlo, ani dovakhanneache vatten cholun vochunk apli vatt

dhorli. Ganvantlean cholun vetanam taka eka gharant lok roddtalo to aikunk ailem. Tea gharant konnem tori aplo prann soddlolo.

Itlem sogott tachea dolleam fuddlean ghoddtalem. Bosteanvan uloylolim utram tachea kanant gaztalim. Punn he onitin to aplo ganv soddun koso pois vetolo aslo?

Sorkaran tankam nhesunk dilolim plasttikachem kherit angavlem tachi ak'khi kudd dhamptalem. Fokot matxe tondd distalem. Tannem lens bandun tondd bond kelolem zalear, to sompeponnim vollkunk yevcho naslo.

Tannem toslench anik-ui vokhod toyar kelem. Apunn Kudov mhonn sangot zalear he sogle lok aplim fokannam kortole, ani Bosteanvan kelam toxench te-ui kortole mhonn chintun tannem aplo bes bodol'lo. Dovakhanneantlo dotoracho kott aplea angar choddoylo. Topaspacheo kaim vostu vangdda ghetleo, ani ek voiz koso ganvant firunk laglo.

"Hanv Amerikek xikop korun ailam. Tumchea ganvant posorlolea voxeachea duensak vokhod diun mhaka sorkaran dhaddla."

Jivar uttlolea lokan tachea utrancher visvas dovorlo, ani tache koddchean injesanv ghetlem. Soglo ganv bhonvun, goroz asloleank ani apnnacher visvas dovortalim tankam tannem injesanvam kelim.

To tosoch uttun igorjent gelo. Aplem vokhod padri vigarak-ui diunk zai mhonn taka dislem. Padri vigar khattir poddlolo aslo. Tacho nim'nno vell magnnean

sarunk tachexim thodde zann ekttovlole.

"Fador, hanvem hea voxeachea duensa add vokhod sodun kaddlam. Tea vokhdachem hanv tuka injesanv diunk sodtam." Kudovan padri vigarak sanglem.

"Baba, hanv morunk pavlolom monis. Tuzo atm-visvas ghott korunk hanv tuka porvangi ditam." Padri vigaran addkhollot sanglem. Kudovan padri vigarak injesanv kelem. Thoim asloleamni hem aple dolle bhorun pollelem.

Polleta-polleta ek ojap ghoddlem. Thoddea vellan padri vigara bhitor ek novo bodol tankam disunk laglo. Hajir aslole soglech thottakun, Kudovak polleunk lagle. Padri vigaran taka ghott aple vengent ghetlo. Punn konnench taka vollkhunk naslo.

Kudovacho atm-visvas odikuch vaddlo. Tea klinikant bosun tannem ganvchea lokak seva divpacho nirnnoy ghetlo. Aplea vokhdam vorvim lokanchem rogot topaslea uprant, tanche bhitor ailolo bodol polleun to odikuch khuxal zalo. Tannem chintlolem toxench hem tachem vokhod mon'xanche kuddimni aplem kam' kortalem. Hea vokhda vorvim kaim disamni soglea lokak voxeachea duensantlean puray pekovnni melltoli mhonn taka khatri zali.

Aste-aste Kudovachea vokhdacho porinnam' ganvantlea soglea lokacher zaunk laglo. Tankam mell'loli pekovnni polleun lok taka Devan dhaddlolo ek soddvonndar manunk lagle. Punn to konn ti konnakuch khobor nasli. Ganvcho lok fokot itlench zannam aslo - to ek bhailea desantlo dotor, ani ganvant

Dr. Vernekarachea klinikant ravta.

Konnak-ui ganvant oslem duens asa mhonn gomot zalear, taka va tika soroll klinikant vhortale. Kudov aplo bhes bodlun tankam topastalo ani tankam borim kortalo.

Hea tanchea Soddvonndaran ganvchea lokacher anondacho pavs ximpddaylolo. Soglo ganv sontosan nachtalo. Kristanv dha zannanchea khursaxim ladini kortale, hindu bhav aplea ganvkarachea devllant prosad laytale. Musolman ghorabeamni soglo vell nomaz ani Allahachem vachop chaluch dovorlolem. Khoinchea-i dhormache monis zaum, te ap-aple porim Devak argam ditale. Sogle ekamekak veng marun ronganchi holi khelltale, ani dhol-tomor vazoun vhoddlea avazan novea jivitachi khuxalkay porgott kortale. Sumar ek-don satolleam uprant puray ganvak he piddentlean pekovnni mell'li.

Kudov zannam aslo, tachem karia atam somplem. Ganvak atam Kudovachi goroz nasli. Tankam fokot teach soddvonndarachi goroz, zannem tankam novem jivit dilem. To hench chintun niraxi zalo.

Ak'khea sonvsarak soddvonndar zai, punn soddvonddar mhojea-tujea sarko ek chalto monis mhonn konnuch mandun gheunk kiteak toyar zainam?

To tosoch gelo ani padri vigarak bhettlo. Tachem lagim kumsar zalo. Kumsarant aplo ghutt sanglo. Ani apnnem konnak-ui vaitt kelam zalear tachem bhogsonnem di mhonn maglem.

Devache podvek xim' ani mer nam mhonn padri

vigar zannam aslo. Tachean zai zalear ekach khinnant udkachem khoddop 'ani khoddpachem udok korunk zatalem. Ani tench ghoddlem.

"Fador, hangasor mhojem kam' somplem. Mhoji atam konnak goroz nam. Dekun, hanv aichean eka novea jivitachi survat korunk pois vetam," Kudovan padri vigarak sanglem.

"Boro korun voch ani tuzo boro fuddar kor. Mhozo sodanch tujer axirvad astolo. Tujea hatantlean soglem borem tench ghoddum," padri vigaran tache tokler hat dovorlo. Padri vigaracho nirop gheun to klinikant portolo.

Thoim tannem thoddem vokhod toyar korun dovorlolem. Tem tannem eke battlent ghalem. Battli sumar ordi bhorli. Ti battli tannem mezar dovorli, ani eka kagdar oxem boroun dovorlem - 'konnak-ui oxeachem duens zalem zalear, tannem hea vokhdacho vapor korcho.' Tem kagod te battlek pankoylem. Porot ek pavtt soglea zageacher nodor marli, ani dovakhanneak adeus korun tech ratik, ailolo toso to ganv soddun porot gelo.

Hea voxeachea duensak lagun sorkaran ek yevzonn keloli. Dor att disamni sorkarache monis hea ganvant lokank jevonn vantt'tale. Kaim disam modem hea ganvant ailolo bodol polleun te ojap zale, ani tannim hi gozal sorkarak kolloyli. Sorkarachea Bholaike Khateantle vhodd-vhodd dotor portun ek pavtt hea ganvant bhitor sorle. Tannim lokak topasunk suru kelem. Tednam tankam thavem zalem, soglo lok hea duensantlo boro zalo. Dotoram promannem, he

piddecho ilaz mellunk titlem sompem naslem. Dekun, tankam mell'loli pekovnni polleun sogleank ek vhodd prosn poddlo. Tannim chovkoxi suru keli. Tednam ganvchea lokan tankam eka dotoran koxe salvar kele tem sanglem.

Te tea dotorak sodunk Dr. Vernekarachea klinikant gele. Tankam thoimsor konnuch mellunk nam. Punn Kudovan boroun dovorloli vokhdachi ordi battli mell'li. Te battlecher pankoylolea kagdacher aslolem borovp vachlem, ani goroz tanchea ilaza khatir upkartolem mhonn te ti battli gheun gele.

Sonvsarant zaitoch lok hea duensachea chopkeant tollmolltalo. Tankam sorkaran eka kherit kuddant bond korun dovorlole. Hea dotoramni, Kudovachea vokhda vorvim jitlea lokak salvar korunk zatale, titleank-ui vokhod diun tancho jiv salvar kelo. Zankam ilaza khatir hem vokhod mellunk nam, te lok morun gele.

Hem vokhod koxe bhaxen toyar kelolem hem kuvaddench urlem. Tea vhodd-vhodd dotoramni hea vokhdacho mon'xancher zalolea porinnamacher xikop kelem. Tea vokhdant duensak pekovnni diunk asloli podvi polleun sogle ojap zale. Punn oslench anik vokhod va vokhdache nomune toyar korpacho ghutt mat konnakuch mellunk nam va tanchean to suttavo korunk zaunk nam.

Hi khobor atam fokot heach dotoram modem nhoi, punn dusrea desachea-i kaim vhoddilam meren pavli. Hem vokhod toyar korpi mon'xak te sodunk bhonvle, kiteak ho sôd voizuki vijneanachea *(medical science)*

mollar ek itihas aslo.

Zoso tannem hi pidda bori korpacho upay sodun kaddla, toxim hea sonvsarantlim vhodd duensam, zankam az porian vokhod nam, tim borim korunk zatalim. *AIDS, leukemia,* kankrachi pidda, oslea vhoddlea-vhoddlea piddank sampoddlolea mon'xank pekovnni diunk hea tachea vokhdak podvi asli. Sogleank ho monis konn to zannam zaunk zai aslem.

Punn ho monis konn aslo zait tacho dubav konnakuch yenaslo. Desachea vhoddilamni hea mon'xak sodun kaddunk mukhel montrea kodde magnnim kelim. Taka sodun kaddpachem kam' mukhel montrian *Central Bureau of Investigation* (CBI) Khateak diunk nirnnoy ghetlo.

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"Tring... tring... tring... tring..." Mukhel Montrean *CBI* Khateak laylolo fon vazlo. Inspektor Jeromean dusre vatten fonacho *receiver* ukhol'lo.

"Hello. Inspector Jerome speaking."

"Hanv mukhel montri uloytam. Inspektor Naik asa?"

"*Sir,* to az kocherint yevnk nam. Kitem-i gorjecho sondex asa zalear mhaka sangum yeta. Hanv taka ghara fon korun gomoytam."

"Taka urjent mhojea ofisant yevnk sang. Gorjechem kam' asa." Mukhel Montrian fon bond kelo.

Inspektor Ashish Naik. Ho *CBI* Khateacho ek khoddegantt odhikari. Sumar pondra vorsam zalim, to *CBI* Khateant sirvis korta. To *CBI* Khateant nokrek laglolo tea disa thaun, vhodd-vhodd guneanvkariank sampddavpachi tache bhitor khub itsa ani umed asli. Dis ani rat to tancher xikop kortalo. Ani tachea noxibant tacho dis rokddoch udelo.

Mohammad Tahir nanvacho ek akantvadi, zaka ak'kho sonvsar sodtalo to Gõyant lipun aslo. Ani Gõyant bomb foddpachi toyari kortalo. Inspektor Naikan aplo jiv riskar ghalun taka sampddaylo. Ani hea tachea kalljidarponnak lagun eke ratin to ak'khea Bharotant famad zalo.

Oxem mhonntat, Inspektor Naik ani guneanvkarianchi khub laginchi soirigot asa. Chor chori korun konnakuch sampddonam zalear, ti kes *CBI* odhikari Inspektor Naika fuddeant veta. Ani fail zor Naikachea hatant aili zalear, to chor khoinchea-i konnxak asum, taka bhogsonnem nam. Tachea vangdda vavr korpi odhikarianche sangnne promannem, chor khoim taka tachea sopnant yevn apunn khoim lipun asat te sangtat.

Dekun, oslea vellar, mukhel montreachea tonddantlean legit poilem tachench nanv bhair sortalem.

Az Inspektor Naikache eklech dhuvecho zolmacho dis. Dekun to kamak vochunk naslo. Inspektor Jeromean tachea ghara fon korun, taka tabortob mukhel montrean aple kocherint apoyla mhonn sanglem. Mukhel montrian apoyla dekun tannem

aplem fugsanv soddlem, ani taka mellunk tache kocherint gelo.

Mukhel montrian taka Pen-de-Tona ganvchi sogli khobor sangli. Jitli mahiti tache lagim asli, titli-i taka sangun, zata titlem vegim tea mon'xak aplea fuddeant ubo kor mhonn tannem Inspektor Naikak hukum' dilo. Mukhel montreacho hukum' manun Inspektor Naik aplea kamak laglo.

Inspektor Naik soroll Pen-de-Tona gelo. Thoddea ganvkarank mellun hem soglem koxem zalem tacher vichar kelo. Tanchea sagnneam promannem, ho monis Dr. Vernekarachea klinikant ravtalo, ani hech suvater thaun sogleank vokhod vantt'talo mhonn taka kollun ailem.

Inspektor Naikan tea dovakhanneak bhett dili. Dovakhanneant barik-sarik pollevnni keli, ani tantum mell'iolea hatachea bottanchim chhapam *(fingerprints)* ekttaim kelim. Ho monis sodam hangasor yevpi oxem taka disun ailem. Kiteak, jitleo-i vostu tannem uzar keloleo, teo sarkeo vevosthit porot zagear dovorloleo. Thoimsor aslole sogle dukument ani her vostu tannem aplea tabeant ghetleo, ani aplo sôd chalu kelo.

Tannem Dr. Vernekarachea gharak bhett dili.

"Dotor, mhojea odmasa promannem ho monis tujea klinikachi khobor aslolo, ani sodanch tujea kliniant yevpi-vochpi. Tuka konnacho dubav asa?" Inspektor Naikan Dr. Vernekarak vicharlem.

"Hanv thoim klinik choloytanam, dor vorsa *trainee* koxe mhoje khal vavrunk zaite nove dotor yetale."

"Ani he dotor soddun konn tori tuzo ghorcho va tea klinikant sodanch ravpi oso konn-ui aslo?"

"Nam, toslo konn naslo." Dotoran oxi zap dili, ani fuddem chintunk laglo.

"Sarkoch ugddas kor dotor. Konn-ui monis asa zo tujea klinikant kam' kortalo?" Inspektor Naikan portun vicharlem.

Kam' korpi mhonninam fuddem dotorak Kudovacho ugddas ailo.

"Don vorsam adim Kudov mhonn ek lhan bhurgo mhojexim kamak aslo. Heach ganvcho to. Punn tachean oslem kednach korunk nezo, kiteak taka fokot angnnantlo ani klinikantlo kochro saf korunk dovorlolo. To? Ani yedem vhoddlem *invention*? *Impossible.*" Dotoran apli vichar-xokti vistarli. Kudovachem nanv chintun to hanslo.

"Dotor, itlim vorsam tujexim onnbhov gheun gelolea tea novea dotoranchim mhaka bariksann zai." Inspektor Naik tachea fuddeant yevpi dotoranchi mhaiti magli. Dotor bhitor gelo, ani apli dispott'tti *(diary)* gheun bhair ailo. Ticher aslolea soglea dotoranchi mahiti tannem Inspektor Naikak dili.

Ek lambdik volleri gheun Inspektor Naik bhair sorlo. Bhou koxttamni ani tras kaddun

Inspektor Naik te vollericher aslolea soglea dotorank vochun mell'lo. Tanchea sogleanchea hatanchea bottanchim chhapam *(fingerprints)* ghetlim, ani dovakhanneant mell'lolea bottanchea chhapam kodde sor zata zalear pollelim. Punn ek-ui chhap

klinikant mell'lolea chhapak sor zainam zalem. Inspektor Naik ranant poddlo. Vichar korta-korta taka anik ek yevzonn suchli. Piddent poddun somplolea dotorachea ixtt-soireanchi tannem vaspus keli. Gavant aslolea soglea lokachi tannem ulott-topasnni keli. Punn tache koxtt nirfoll zale. He kesi babtint taka koslech purave, nhoi mhonn koslich khunnam legit mellunk nam.

'Konn tor to?' Ho prosn Inspektor Naikache motint khillo marlolea porim ghott urlo.



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Pen-de-Tona zunvo soddun Kudov novem jivit suru korunk sodtalo. Khoim pavta thoim pavta mhonn pois vochunk eke bosint boslo. Ti bos Gõyam thaun bhair sorloli, punn ti khoim vetali tachi tannem vicharpus korunk nasli. Zoxem zhaddachem pan tunttun vhanvtea udkant poddun tea udkacho lott vhorta thoim veta, toxem tannem aplo jiv he bosir ghalolo.

Itlean te bosicho konduktor *"ticket, ticket"* mhonnot tachea fuddeant ubo zalo.

"Patranv *ticket*?" Konduktoran tachem lagim vicharlem. Kudovan aplea bolsantlean panchxim rupiachi nott kaddun tache kodde dili.

"Khoimsor vetai?" Konduktor.

" Last stop." Kudovan zobab dilo. Konduktor taka ojapun polleunk urlo.

"*Last stop* mhonnche Mongllur *Bus Stand?"* Konduktoran vicharlem.

Kudovan apli tokli voir-khala haloyli ani 'hoi' mhonn kuru dakoyli.

Bos Mongllur vetali. Punn hea vellar bos Mongllur va Kaxmir vochum, taka tachem poddun vochunk naslem. Taka fokot aplea jivitachi survat korunk ek novi suvat zai asli. Dusrea disa sokallim, fantea parar bos Mongllur pavli. Bosivelo denvlea uprant, kaim vellan suryan aplim bhangarachim kirnnam sogleancher fankoylim. Ekach khinnant, jea zagear dog va teg ube asle thoimsor atam hozaramni lok hevtten-tevtten dhanvtalo tem distalem. Punn hea hozar lokam modem to apnnak eklo-eksuro onnbhovtalo. Hache poilim jednam to aplo ganv soddun Marcelant gelolo, tednam aplo zago sodun kaddunk taka vhoddlexe tras zaunk nasle; ani heach visvasan to Mongllur pavlolo. Punn hangasorlea lokachem nhesop, tanchi ulovpachi chal, ho onvollki somaz polleun taka thoimsorlo varo porian khaunk yevnk laglo.

Bos-sttopacher kam' sodit to he ani te vatten pollet cholunk laglo. Bos-sttopache dusre vatten bazar aslo, ani thoimsor bazarant zomo korun kaim hamali ube asle. To tanchea fuddeant gelo. Thoddo vell tanchexim ubo ravlo. Tanche modem Konknnintlean bhasabhas choltali dekun, tanche modem aplem tondd ugddunk taka dhir zalo.

"Irmanv, hanv hea xarant novoch ailam. Kam' sodtam. Koslem-i kam' mell'lear korunk toyar asam." Eka hamalia lagim Kudovan apli oddchonn manddli.

"Polle, ami sogle kamdar, ani heach bazarant

astanv. Konn-ui hanga yevn amkam koslem-i kam' korunk vhorta, zoxem sak mathear marun lokachea gaddiamni ghalop, nusteacheo panttleo mathear marop, oslim kamam. Tuje lagim zatolem zalear amchea borabor hanga ubo rav." Tea hamalian nomllayen sanglem.

"Borem" mhonnlem ani Kudov tanchea zomeant ubo ravlo.

Aste-aste taka kam' mellunk laglem. Konn sak ubarunk sangtalo, zalear konn saman ubarunk vhortale. Meḷlta tea duddvamni to aplo disvoddo soddoytalo. Rat zatoch tea hamaliam vangdda bazarantuch pennem kortalo.

Hamaliachea kama khatir te ube astanam, ek dis ek mottor gaddi, *Maruti 800* yevn tanchea fuddeant thambli. Gaddi pornni ani ekdom' khottari.

"Ho polle ailo chik'ku mharvaddi," te gaddiek polleun eklo hamali uloylo. Te gaddient Ram-bhay aslo. Soglea hamalianche sangnne promannem to ekdom' imtto. Eka anneacho legit hixeob ghevpi, dekun tachi chakri korunk konnuch hamali kobul naslo. To gaddientlo denvun tanchea fuddeant pavtanch, sogle hamali thoinche nanch zale. Thoimsor ekloch ubo urlo to Kudov.

"Tandllancho ek sak ubarun mhoje gaddient ghalunk zai. Ghaltolo?" Tannem Kudova fuddeant yet vicharlem.

"Hoi, kiteak ghalchonam?" Kudov kobul zalo, ani dukonar thaun sak ukhlun tache gaddient ghalo.

"Dev borem korum," oxem mhonnit Ram-bhayin tachea hatar vis rupianchem nott dovorlem. Kudov taka sutte poixe porot diunk vetalo tednam, Ram-bhayin te gheunk nakarle.

"Hi tujea koxttanchi mozuri. Hanv vavrachea porinnamak nhoi, punn vavrant ghalolea koxttam promannem farik kortam," Ram-bhayin nomllayen sanglem, ani tachea tonddak hat laylo.

"Hanga thaun sumar don kilometranche vatter mhoji garej asa. Ani mhaka tujea sarkea promannik kamdarachi goroz asa. Tuka khuxi zalear, tunvem mhojea fuddeant kamak ravunk zata." Ram-bhayin taka mukhar sanglem.

Him tachim utram aikun, Kudovak ekdomuch ojap dislem. Zaka sogle lok 'chik'ku mharvaddi' mhonntale tannem az taka bokxis dilolem, ani aple garejint nokri korpachem amontronn-ui dilolem. Kudovak hacho orth kainch khobor naslo, punn bhukelolea mon'xa fuddeant gostachem jevonn haddun dovorlolea bhaxen tannem taka aplea fuddeant kamak apoylo. Devachi khuxi aslear kitem-i ghoddta mhonntat te bhaxen Kudovachea-i jivitant ghoddunk laglem. Teach disa Kudov Ram-bhayiche garejint vochunk bhair sorlo.

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Ram-bhayichi garej sogleakuch famad. Jitlea zannam lagim Kudov vichartalo, titleamni taka khoinchean vochunk zai tem sanglem.

Kudov gareji fuddeant kaim metram pois aslo.

Pois ravun cholun yeta to apnnak bazarant mell'lo tornnato mhonn Ram-bhayin taka parkhilo. Ani yevkar koso diunk garejichea darar ubo ravlo. Kudovan-ui taka hanstem tondd korun vollkolo.

"Tujem nanv kitem?" Ram-bhayin vicharlem.

"Mhojem nanv Solomon," Kudovan zobab dilo. Ram-bhayiche garejint kamam unnim naslim.

"Mekanikachem koslem kam' zannam?"

"Nam patranv."

"Magir gaddio dhuvpachea kamak survat kor. Aste-aste tuka mekanikachem kam' xikoytam."

"Borem patranv."

"Pagar kitlem ghetolo?"

"Tuka sarkem dista titlem di."

"Borem asa. Hanv tuka oddech hozar rupia pagar ditam zoso her kamdarank ditam, ani tea bhair jevnnak disak pon'nas rupia apto. Tuka zai zalear, her kamdaram sangata tujean ratcho garejint nhidunk zata. Toyar asa nhoi?"

"Hoi patranv." Gaddio dhuvpachem kam' tannem manun ghetlem. Pagara vixim taka vhoddlem-xem chintop naslem. Kiteak, jevnnak kuxin duddu mellpache asle ani ratcho nhidunk vegllo khorch naslo. Vhodde umedin Kudov tachea fuddeant kam' korunk toyar zalo.

Ram bhayin aplea eka kamdarak apoun haddlo,

ani gaddio koxe porim dhutat tem taka xikounk laylem ani gelo. Tea kamdaran taka gaddio dhuvpachem tontr sanglem. Titlean konn eklo gaddi dhuvunk ailo. Tea kamdaran Kudovak ti gaddi dhuvunk layli ani to aplea kamak gelo.

Kudov gaddi dhuvunk laglo. Koxi mhonn konn zannam, gaddiechi tanki ugtich asli. Kudovak tachi khobor nasli. To bore fikirin gaddi dhutanam, udok soglem tankient gelem. Punn Kudovak tachi matui khobor nasli.

Gaddiecho dhoni dhuloli gaddi vhorunk ailo. Gaddi chaluch zainam. Petrolache tankiechem dhampnnem ugtem aslem, ani tankientlea petrolant udok misoll zalolem. To ragan Kudova fuddeant gelo, ani taka naka zalolea utramni uloylo. Magir Ram-bhayik apoun haddlo, ani bovall marun Kudovacho guneanv korun taka tapoylo.

"Oslea kamdarank sirvisekuch dovorunk zainant," tannem Ram-bhayik sanglem. Kudov samko ghaborlo.

"Patranv, hanvem tache tankiechem dhampnnem ugtem korunk nam." Kudovan babddeponnan sanglem. 'Nigtoch kamak laglam ani voilean mhoji chuk. Atam patranv mhaka nokrecho kaddtolo,' oxim chintnam Kudovachea monant yevn gelim. To aple dolle zomnik lavun aslo thoinch ubo ravlo.

"He ghe tuji gaddi dhuvpache duddu. Ani tankient udok gelam tem-ui saf korun ditam. Punn mhojea kamdarak tapovpacho tuka odhikar nam. Ani dusre pavtt he garejint yevchem-i nhoi," Ram-bhayin gaddiechea tea dhoniak soroll sanglem. Tondd

vankddem korun tannem tankam fatt keli.

Hanstea tonddan Ram-bhayi Kudovachea fuddeant gelo, ani tache toklecher hat dovorlo.

“Bhiyevpachi goroz nam. Chuk soglea kodden zata. Dusre pavtt osli chuk zaunchi nhoi mhonn chotur ravchem.” Ram-bhayin taka somzaylo, ani dusrea kamdarak tachi gaddi nivoll korunk sanglem.

To dhoni apli gaddi gheun vetoch, thoddea vellan Ram-bhayi porot Kudovachea fuddeant gelo. “Udkar cholpa sarki gaddi ami korit zalear, ami lakhamni duddu zoddunk xoktanv. Dekun, faido chintun tum udkant petrol misoll korum naka; nam zalear mhaka lakhamni rupia nuksonn zatolem.” Tannem hansot-hansot Kudovak sanglem. Kudovan apli tokli haloyli ani somadan zalo. Ram-bhayin apnna sovem dakoyloli vagnnuk polleun to aplech bhitor sontosan bhorlo. Tea disa thaun Kudov aplo vavr anik-ui zababdaren ani zotnay gheun kortalo. Ek kherit natem dhonia ani kamdara modem utpon’n zalolem.

Koslea-i kamant koslo-i dubav ailo zalear, to soroll Ram-bhayik vichartalo ani to taka bore toren, sadea utramni somzaytalo. Kiteak, Ram-bhayik jitli aplea kamdaranchi vhoddvik asli, titlich kamdarank-ui tachi vhoddvik.

Kudovak to zaite pavtti ‘Solomon’ hea tachea hanvan ulo kortalo. Punn jitle-i pavtti to taka tachem nanv gheun apoytalo, title-i pavtti poileach uleak taka zobab mellonaslo. Tednam taka portun ulo korcho poddtalo. Dekun Ram-bhayin taka somzun ghevpacho proyotn kelo.

" Solomon, tujer anik koslo-i tann *(tension)* asa? Va tuka kanamni sarkem aikunk yenam?"

"Oxem kiteak vicharta?" Kudovan vicharlem.

"Hanv tuka jitle-i pavtti tujea nanvan ulo kortam, title-i pavtti mhaka tuji rokddich zap mellonam."

"Patranv, kitem zannam? Mhojem zolmachem nanv Solomon, punn mhaka lhan astanam sogle Kudov mhonntale. Dekun, 'Kudov' hem utor mhoje motint mhojem nanv koxem riglam." Tachi zap aikun Ram-bhayik hansunk ailem.

"Borem tor, tuka ami sogle Kudov mhonntoleanv." Tannem aplea soglea kamdarank apoun haddle, ani Solomonak 'Kudov' nanvan pacharunk sanglem.

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Thoimsorlea soglea kamdaram sangata tachi ixttagot mozbut zaloli. Khoinchea-i kamadarak aplea dhoniachea jivita vixim zannam zavpacho anvddo astach. Tednam, her kamdaramni Kudovak Ram-bhayichea jivitacho itihas sanglo.

Ram-bhayichi gozal khoim oxi. Tachem sarkem nanv Ramchandra Kuttil. Zatin marvaddi. Dhondo korop hem tachea rogtant asa. Tachea ajea-ponjeancho ganv Belganv. Punn tacho bapuy Gõyant bhaji-paleacho dhondo kortalo. Tachea bapayk att put ani tin dhuvo. Gineanacho zaisor tachi vadd Gõyantuch zaloli. Uprant tachea bapaychi zodd itlea zannanchem pott bhorunk pavonam mhonn tannem

apli fuddle vatt dhorli, ani oxem korun to Mongllur pavlo. To Monglluurant ailolo tednam fokot Konknni ulounk zannam aslo dekun, Konknni ulovpi mongllluri loka modem to rokddoch misoll zalo.

Eka vhodd dhondekarache garejint tannem thoddim vorsam vavr kelo. Thoimsor gaddio sarkeo korpachem kam' xiklo. Ani, xevttim aste-aste korun apli svotachi garej ugti keli. Mongllurcheach eka cheddva kodde logn zalo, ani toch aplo ganv kelo. Az tache garejint veg-vegllea gaddianchem koslem-i kam' korpi monis asat. Tacho dhondo itlo nettan choltalo, sumar cheallis te pon'nas monis tachea hata-khal vavr kortale. To ordeo pornneo gaddio ghetalo ani tankam novem rup diun, don pottimni odik mol lavun viktalo. Hantum to dobradan faido zoddtalo. Tea xivay, tache dusre-i dhonde choltale. Jitle-i tannem dhonde suru kele, title-i nettan choltale. Az to kottinchea rupiancho dhoni tharlolo.

Oxem mhonntat, apnnak khoincho monis faideak poddtolo hem Ram-bhayi poilech nodren parkhita. Tem tak Devachem kherit dennem aslem. Hakach lagon aplea khal vavurpi mon'xancho to bes-boro upyog kortalo, ani aplo dhondo vaddoytalo-fuloytalo.

Ani zait ghoddie, hea tachea denneak lagon tannem Kudovak-ui ekach khinnant parkhun aple garejint nokrek dovorlolo. Kudov-ui apnnak oslea mon'xa khal chakri korunk soeg mell'lo mhonn khub obhiman bhogtalo. Eka novea jivitachi survat korunk taka hi ek vhoddli sondi asli mhonn to zannam aslo.

Khoinchea-i dhoniak jivacho unno, punn kamacho odik husko dakovpi monis avoddta. Ani hoch gunn Ram-

bhayin Kudovachea vavrant dekhlolo. Tachi huxarkay polleun to samko ojap zatalo. Inglez bhaxentlean tachem ulovp, barik-barik vostunchi zannvikay, khoinchea mon'xa kodde koxem vagunk zai, tea bhair noveo vostu xikpachi itsa, hi sogli kola taka xikovpachi goroz nasli. Ti tachea rogtantuch asli. Hakach lagon to hea tornnateak vorixtt somdirantlem moladik motim koxem lekhtalo.

Kudov koslo-i vavr atm-visvasan ani zababdaren kortalo. Ram-bhayi-i hench yevjitalo. Kudovacho bore toren upyog korun tachea khustar apnnem anik-ui faido zoddpacho.

Aste-aste korun tannem Kudovak aplea dhondea vixincheo sogleo vostu xikoyleo. Fuddara khatir to taka aplea khatir toyar kortalo. Ani Kudov, to jem kitem xikoytalo tem mon lavun somzun ghetalo. Dhondo koso kortat hem soglem tannem taka xikoylolem.

Don vorsam bhitor Kudovan dhondeache kaide motint jhirkun ghetle, ani goroz tednam te vevharant ghaltalo. Dhondea khatir vepar khoinchean ani favo tea molan koso vikto gheuncho hi kola tache jibecho khell zalolo. Atam dhondea vixim dusrea vepariam kodde kitem-i gorjechem ulovp korpachem aslear, tem ulovp korunk Ram-bhayi apunn vochonaslo. Kudovakuch dhaddtalo. Tache garejicho karbhar Kudovuch samballtalo. Ram-bhayin tacher thevlolo visvas to disan-dis vaddoytalo, ani zababdaren aplo vavr kortalo.

Kudovache hurxarkayek lagon, Ram-bhayin apli sogli zababdari tacher sompoylea mhonn, ekleak soddlo

zalear her sogle kamdar ani tachim ghorchim-i khuxal aslim. Ani to monis mhollear Ram-bhayicho mevnno, Rudru. Taka Kudovachi khub nattkay zatali.

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Ram-bhayin Mongllur yevn aplo dhondo suru kortoch, to Mongllurantlea eka cheddvachea mogant poddlo, ani xevttim tache kodde logn zalo. Tachea sasupay kodde khub bhatt-bens aslem, punn duddvam babtint tim samkim tandull-gotteak padiser aslim. Ani fuddarak tancho ekloch put tankam postolo oxe poilech anvdde gillop hi ek vhodd chuk asli.

Punn Ram-bhayi tanche dhuve kodde logn zalo tednam tanchem noxib ugoddlem. Mhonnche, disa-dispottim Ram-bhayiche zoddi khustar tanchea ghorantleo chuli odik nettan pettunk lagleo. Ram-bhayichea sasupayn jitlo aplea bhattacho vantto aplea dhakttea putak dovorlolo, titloch aple dhuvek-ui dilolo. Mhonnche, dennem koxem tannem hem bhatt Ram-bhayik dilolem.

Ram-bhayiche bailecho dhaktto ani ekloch bhav Rudresh. Punn lhanponnaruch thaun soglim taka apurbayen 'Rudru' mhonntalim. To eka anneachem legit kam' korinaslo, punn khobro mat Amerikek vochun Taj Mahal bandpacheo.

Eka tempar Rudru Mongllurcho *hero*. Lok zoxe kopdde bodoltalo toso to cheddvam bodoltalo. Hea tachea folgank lagon tannem aplea bapayn dovorlolo bhattacho kuddko vikun ibaddlolo.

Mollob kitlo kall mhonn aplem kallem rup gheun nachtolem? Pavsachem udok somptoch porot aplea rupar yetach. Xevttim hatantlem menn somplem, ani ho tacho mevnno Ram-bhayik denneak poddlo. Aplo mevnno bekar bhonvta mhonn Ram- bhayik khubuch rag yetalo. Tachea totv-gineana promannem, mon'xan koslem-i kam' korunk zai, zalearuch taka man asta.

To taka sodanch sangtalo, ek vattsuro legit rostear mell'lear khobor ghetanam poilo mon'xache saude-bholaike vixim vicharta. Ani dusrem, kitem kam' korta tem vicharta. Monis koslem kam' korta ani kitlem zoddta hem konn vicharinam. Dekun, koslem-i tem kam' zaum, mon'xan kam' korop khub gorjechem.

Mathear udkachi kollsuli gheun Mongllur thaun Gõyant cholun vochunk sompem, punn tachea mevnneak somzaunk mat khub kottin aslem. Dekun, Ram-bhayichem ani tachem samkem Bharot-Pakistan koxem sodanch pett'talem. Dogaimkui kednach poddonaslem. Ani tanche modem Ram-bhayichi potin xirkotali. Kiteak, apnnem ghova vatten uloum va aplea ekleach bhavak rakhum hem tika somzonaslem.

Ram-bhayi Rudrucher odik korun zolltalo, kiteak to tache potinnik, fulancheo kannio sangun duddu vhortalo ani folgank moddtalo. Punn Rudruchem chintop Ram- bhayiche babtint vegllench aslem. Tachea mona promannem, ho voilo marvaddi tanchea ganvant ailo, bhoinnik mogant ghuspayli ani tanchea bhattachea kuddkeache axen tiche kodde logn zalo.

Ram-bhayi samko nizacho dhondekar. Tachea sasupayn taka bhattacho kuddko denneak dilolo, tednam tea kuddkeachem mol zatalem tem duddvamni

tannem aplea sasupayk farik kelolem. Tachea chintpa promannem, fukott mellta taka valor asonam. Ani zait ghoddie, heach tachea sobhavak *(attitude)* lagon Mongllurant tacho dhondo khubuch vaddlolo.

Ram-bhayin aplea dhondeacho herederi eka onvollki kamdarak kela mhonn Rudru voir-khala zatalo. To fokot Kudovak koso trasant ghalunk zai ti manddnni kortalo.

Kudovachi kam' korpachi kola attvich asli. Tachea vavracho hixeob samko saf aslo. Aplo vavr to promannikponnan ani zababdaren kortalo. Tea bhair, Ram-bhayi aplea mevnneak bes-boro vollkotalo. Dekun, tacho mevnno Kudovachi kosli-i chuk voir kaddit zalear, Ram-bhayi urfatto takach lojent ghaltalo.

Oxe poristhitint Kudovak tachea patranvam fuddeant fottkiro korop titlem sompem naslem.

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Ram-bhayik Devan ekuch ek apurbayechi dhuv diloli. Tichem nanv Anuskha. Suropayen sundor, gunnamni ekdom' borem. *B.Com* pas. Aplea bapaychea dhondeacho soglo hixeob tich polletali. Marvaddi lok aplea dhuvank sumar ottra vorsanche pirayechim astanam logn kortat. Logna khatir Anuskhak khub soiriko yetaleo. Punn eklench, apurbayechem mhonn ghorchim taka logn zaunk fors korinaslim, nam mhonn taka-i bhurge pirayer logn zaunk khuxi nasli.

Ram-bhayicho soglo karbhar Kudovachea hatant aslo. Ram-bhayichi dhuv Anuskha ani Kudovachem

ulovp dhondeak lagon disan-dis vaddot vetalem.

Sonvsarantli khoim ek bhas uloynastanam konn-ui mon'xak somzota. Lokachea utramni hem bhaxek 'mog' mhonntat. Kalliz kednam kallzak bhett'ta hem mog korpiankuch gomonam zalear, tisrea mon'xak koxem gomtolem? Dogam-i modem mogachi goddsann utpon'n zali. Tanchem ekameka lagim mirovop, ghorcheank gomoynastanam bhonvunk vochop, oslem soglem dolleam add chaluch aslem.

Sumar ordea-vorache vatter ek ran aslem. Ani hea ranantlean ek udkachi zhor pasar zatali. Choriam ani guptim mog korpi zoddio, aplo vell sarunk he eksure suvater yetalim.

Kudov ani Anuskha dogam-i konnak gomonastanam guptim he udkache zhorixim vochun bostalim. Tancho to sodancho zago aslo. Sokallchim sat tim att horam modlo vell. Hea vellar konn khoim veta hacho konnak odmas mellonam.

Anuskha ghora apunn devllant veta mhonn sangun bhair sortalem, ani Kudov sodam khoim veta tem mat vicharunk konnakuch odhikar naslo. Kamachea vellar, sumar nov vaztam to aplea patranva fuddeant hajir zatalo.

Zonglantli ti vhanvti zhor tanchea mogachem amrut anik-ui godd kortali. Thoim aslolea khoddpacher bosun tim mogache suskar soddtalim. Sokallcho vell aslo dekun, xevnnim hea tanchea ekvotta khatir aplea modur avazan sur toyar kortalim. Zalear, abolim, mogrim hi tanchea mogachi bhag rongit korunk aplo ghomghomit pormoll ximpddaytalim.

Tim sangatan astanam, chear-ui vattamni sorg, ani voir ravun Dev soglem polleta, ani fulancho pavs otoyta oxem tankam bhogtalem.

Dogam-i kitem uloytat ani kitem aikotat hachi tankam khobor nasli, punn ekamekachea tonddantlean bhair sorlolim utram kanantlean nhoi, punn kallzantlean pasar zatalim. Khorench, mogacho onnbhov mog kortoleankuch khobor asa. Monantlea monant *Mogant Asunk Borem* hea Konknni filmantlea gitacheo volli dogam-i gunngunntalim.

Kednam-kednam-i tancho ho mog Anuskhachim ghorchim mandun ghetolim va nam hem niyallun Kudov chintest zatalo. Tache bhitor bhirant sutt'ttali. Tache hat koddkoddunk lagtale, ani kalliz vegim-vegim chodduch dhok-dhoktalem.

Oxea velar, Anuskha aplo hat tachea kallzacher dovortalem. Ani titlean tachem dhok-dhokpi kalliz porot xant zatalem. Tache bhitor asloli sogli bhirant ekach khinnant nam zatali. Tache koddkoddte hat ekdomuch okhondd zatale. Tache bhitor visvas vaddtalo, ani taka attvech torechi ghottay melltali. Anuskhacho hat aplea kallzacher astoch, to sonvsarantlem kedem-i vhoddlem zhuz zhogoddunk vag zatalo.

Tanche modem hem ek vor kednam soron vetalem tem matui gomonaslem.

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Rudruk hea zonglantlea zageacho konnxean konnso vollkicho aslo. Eka tempar cheddvank gheun

yevpacho ho tacho add'ddo. Konn konnak gheun bosla tem polleunk, ani dusrea disa ti gozal ganvar ghalunk to kednam-i hevtten pasoy marun vetalo.

Tea disa osoch to zonglantlean pasoy martanam, Rudruchi nodor thoim ubi aslole eke *Activa* mottor-saikolir geli. Tichea numboravelean ti motor-saikol Anuskhachi mhonn taka gomlem. Anuskha hea zonglant kitem korta kai? Koxe-i bhaxen hea prosnachi zap sodlea bogor taka suseg naslo. To lipun-lipun, hevtten-tevtten Anushkak sodunk laglo. Polle zalear, eka zagear Anuskha konnachea gopant asa! Rudru anik-ui matso lagim sorlo, ani Anushka zachea gopant aslem tea mon'xacho sarko rupkar pollelo. Zalear, Kudov taka aplea gopant gheun mogachim fulam khavoytalo! Sorpak sanddlolem motim mell'lolea vorichi Rudruk hi ghoddnni asli. To apleach bhitor makdda bhaxen uddio martalo. Tankam matui sulus lagunk dinastanam to ghara gelo, ani aplo kemra *(camera)* gheun portolo. Pois ravun ani lipun tanche boreantle bore fottu kaddle.... ani vhorun Ram-bhayichea mezar xevttile.

Fottu konn-ui kaddum, punn osle fottu pollelear konnachea monacher probhav zaunchonam? Tea fottvancher nodor poddtanch, Ram-bhayik aple tokler konnem tori lokhonddacho varanv marlolea bhaxen bhoglem, ani to thoinch aple kodelir poddlo.

Anuskha ghara yetoch Ram-bhayin tika te fottu dakoyle.

Sonvsarant zoso ek bapuy aplea bhurgeak kaidean vicharta, toslea soglea prosnancho tannem xinvor kelo.

"Tumche modem koslo som'bond asa? Kitlo kall zalo hem oxem chol'lam?" Osle khub prosn tannem aple dhuvek vicharle.

"*Daddy,*hanv tachea borabor sodanch khuxal astolem. To mhaka sonvsarantlem soglem sukh ditolo mhonn mhaka bhorvanso asa," Anushkan bapayk zobab dilo. Him utram aikun Ram-bhayik konnem tori tachem dhodd ani gomtti katrun doxim kelolea porim bhoglem. Tanche modem upraslolem mogachem tufan hata bhair pavlam mhonn taka gomlem.

Soglinch avoy-bapuy aplim bhurgim eka borea ghorabeant sukhan jiyelolim polleunk anvddetat. Ram-bhayichi-i axea hich asli. Yedea vhoddlea dhondekaracho zanvoim, ek zat-kat naslolo kamdar! Somazant tachi iz'zot kitem urli? Hem chintun tachea kallzak bhale toptale.

"Polle Kudov, mhoji dhuv azun-ui lhan asa. Ani sonvsar kitem to tika sarki khobor nam. Punn tuka ek sangchem asa." Ram-bhayin Kudovak apoun sanglem.

"Kitem patranv?" Kudovan lhou avazan vicharlem.

"Amchea gharant tuje sarke panch sirvidor asat. Mhoje dhuven az porian apli jevloli jevnnachi boxi aplea hatan kaddunk nam. Sonvsarantlem soglem sukh ami tika dilam. Ani tujer nodor mar. Kitem asa tuje lagim? Tuka dislem tum mhoje dhuvek tujea mogant ghuspaytolo ani tiche kodde kazar zaun susegad jiyetolo mhonn?"

"Hanv khub vavurtolom ani tuje dhuvek khuxal

dovortolom. Mhaka tujea daizacho ek-ui poiso naka. Mhojea khustar hanv fuddem vetolom." Kudovachim utram aikun Ram-bhayik tiddok marli.

"Ho sonvsar duddvancher cholta, tujea utracher nhoi. Tuzo kitem mhoineacho pagar asa to ghe, ani ho ganv soddun voch. Ani tum mhoje dhuvechi fatt soddinam zalear, hanv tuje hat-pāy moddun tuka lachar kortolom." Ram-bhayin taka dhomki dili.

Oxe poristhitint Kudov kitem mhonntolo? Bhiyeun nhoi, punn apnnak nokrek dovorlolea eka dhoniachea utrak tannem pallo dilo.

"Patranv, hanv hanga novoch ailolom tednam tunvem mhaka asro dilo. Dekun, tujea utrak bhiyeun nhoi, punn asro ditoleak man diun hanv hangasorlom vetam. Punn hanv khub vavurtolom, ani ek dis tuje dhuvek vhorunk porot yetolom." Doyall titleach

avhanachea-i utramni Kudovan Ram-bhayik sanglem. Ram-bhayiche toklek anik-ui rag choddlo. Kudovak marunk tannem hat ubarlo. Itlean thoimsor aslolea eka kamdaran Ram-bhayik addaylo.

"Haka mhojea dolleam mukhavelo pois kaddat, nam zalear hanv taka hangach katrun uddoitolom." Ram-bhaiy samko khotkhot'talo. Thoddea kamdaramni Kudovak kuxin vhelo, ani tannem Mongllur soddun vochop borem mhonn taka somzaylo.

Kudovak duddvanchem ani familichea nanvachem mol hea disa poilech pavtt kollun ailem.

Apunn jivitant kednach man ani respeit zoddunk pavchonam hench chintun to mona-kallzantlean niraxi

zatalo. To khub dukovlolo.

Hea vellar, aplo mog jikhunk to kitem-i korunk toyar aslo, punn kortolo kitem? Soglem tache add aslem. Jivitant khub duddu ekttaim korop, ani oslim utram kednach aikun ghevop nant mhonn tannem soput ghetlo. Tech rati konnakuch mellonastanam tannem Mongllurchem xar soddlem.



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Kudov porot Gõyam ailo. Atam taka gaddio sarkeo korpachem kam' bore toren yetalem. To Kankonn bazarant bosivelo denvlo. Pois ravun taka ek garej disli. Te garejint apnnak kamak dovrit kai oxea vicharan to garejixim gelo.

Tea garejicho dhoni Pedru. Pirayen sumar pon'nas tem pon'nas-panch vorsancho. Punn ankvar. Sokallim uttun to Deva lagim itlench magtalo – "Saiba, fokot soreak duddu melltat titlench giraik zalear puro." Tachea fuddeant kamak ravlolo kamdar chodd kall uronaslo. Tacho sobhav horxim ekdom' boro, punn tachea bhesak lagon giraik tache garejint yenaslem. Giraikuch nam zalear kamdarank pagar khoinchean ditolo? Dekun, tache garejint konnuch kamdar ravunk toyar naslo.

Kudov garejint bhitor sorlo. Polle zalear, eka konnxak ek monis kodelir bosun reddiocher vazpi Konknni kantaram aikotalo. Tachea angak fokot kalsanv aslem. Tachem pott dhol koso bhair ailolem. Reddiocher vazpi kantaramni to itlo gul'l zalolo, tachea

fuddeant konn ubo asa tachi taka kainch khobor nasli.

Itlean Kudovan taka hat laylo. Apnnak konnem hat layla tem polleunk tannem apli tokli fattlean ghunvddayli. Tokli ghunvddainam fuddem Kudovachi ani tachi nodor ek zali. Pedruchea tonddak soreacho vas yetalo. Ho vas Kudovachea nakantlean toklek choddlo. Vas itlo khor aslo, tannem att dis poilem kitem khal'lem tem porian onkhun bhair kaddunk puro aslo.

Punn eka onvollki mon'xak poilech pavtt apunn mell'la ani kam' aplea faideachem hem niyallun tannem to vas ogich soslo, ani apnnak kainch oddchonn zaunk naslolea porim dakoylem.

"Kitem zalem? Kitem zai?" Pedrun vicharlem.

"Hanv ek boro mekanik, ani nokri sodtam. Tuje garejint mekanikachi goroz asa zalear hanv vavr korunk toyar asam, " Kudovan taka sanglem.

Aple kamdar koxe pollun vetat hacho Pedruk boro onnbhov aslo. To zannam aslo, tachea fuddeant ubo asa to tornnato tache garejint chodd dis togchonam.

Tannem tache lagim kontrad korpacho vevhar yevjilo.

"Polle bab..."

"Mhaka sogle Kudov mhonntat, ani hench nanv mhaka avoddta." Kudov modinch uloylo.

"Polle Kudov. Mhozo kontrad oso. Hanv tuka pagar diunchonam, punn tunvem mhaka disak deddxem rupia diunche poddtole. Tum disantlean

jitlem-i zoddta, tem soglem tujem." Pedrun hansot sanglem. Kudov aplech bhitor murgottun hansunk laglo. Taka aplea vavracher puro visvas aslo, ani dhondo koso choloytat tachi-i taka ekdom' bori zannvay asli.

"Borem tor. Tum sangta toxem." Kudovan nettan zobab dilo, ani tednachean tannem thoim aplea vavrachi survat keli.

Pedruchi garej ekdom' lamb, samko bhutancho bonglo. Bhailean, *Pedru's Garage* oxea nanvacho vhoddlo toktto lamboylolo aslo. Punn tacher zhaddacheo vali choddun, letram sarkim vachunk mellonaslim. Poilem kam' Kudovan kelem tem, tea toktteacher choddloleo vali kaddleo ani toktto saf kelo. Atam *Pedru's Garage* toktto tevtten pasar zatoleank dolle bhorun distalo.

Garejik don-ui vattamni fatrancheo don von'tti asleo. Voilean nolle nasle, punn potrim ghalun bond keloli. Fuddlean vosro koso vhoddlo ugto zago aslo. Ho zago gaddio dovorpa khatir aslo. Hea vosrear Kudov ratcho eka konnxak apli mandri ghalun nhidtalo.

Te garejik don kuddam aslim. Eka kuddant Pedru ravtalo, ani tachem soglem samon aslem. Dusrem kudd, ek mottem talem marun bond kelolem. Tea kuddant kitem asa tem zannam zavpachi Kudovak umollxik lagli. Punn tea kudda vixim aplea dhoniak vichar-prosn korunk kednach utram yenaslim.

Kudovachem kam' gaddiakarank manunk laglem. To duddu-i chodd ghenaslo. Kiteak, taka garejichem bhaddem chodd diunk naka aslem. Lhou-lhou korun

tannem khubuch giraik oddun ghetlem. Atam disantlean khubxem giraik garejint yetalem. Disantlean zaito faido zatalo. Kudov atam Pedruk deddxem nhoi, punn khuxen disak tin'xim rupia diunk laglo. Pedrun feni soddli, ani fokot *Royal Stag* piyeunk laglo. Dhondo nettan vaddtalo, punn Kudovak ek khont asli. Ram-bhayin uloylolim utram. Tachea ghayacher mitt rogoddlolea porim him utram tachea kanar ravun-thambun sadovtalim.

Zaite pavtti, apnnem ratchem porian Anuskha sangata sarlolem jivit to ekloch bosun chintalo, ani apleach bhitor duki zatalo. Hem tachem eksurponn Pedru ogeponnan polletalo. Pedru aplem-i jivit eksuroch jiyetalo. Eksurponn mon'xak kitle duxtt poristhitint vhorta tacho porinnam' onnbhovun to disan-dis koxttovtalo. Aplea sarke anik konnuch hea sonvsarant urlole taka naka aslem. Dekun, Kudovak polleun to odikuch khontin bhortalo.

Poilo mog to. Mhonntat, poilo mog visrunk titlem sompem nhoi. Sopnant sud'dam taka tim utram khatalim.

Surya khala denvlea uprant, ratcho Pedru sodanch aplea hatant soreacho glas gheun bhair bostalo. Monis bekar asta tednam monant xembor chintnam yetat. Kudov sodanch hea vellar ekttoch chintnamni sanddlolo astalo.

Ek dis, ratchea vellar Pedru aplea hatant glas gheun bhair bosun aslo. Tannem thoinch bosun aslolea Kudovachea khandar hat ghalo, ani tache kodde ulounk suru kelem.

“Mhaka dista tuka kitem tori sotayta. Bhitorlean tum khub dukovlolea bhaxen vagta. Kallzantlem duk khoim kednach kallzant dovorunk favonam. Dusream kodde vanttlear unnem zata.” Pedru tachem eksurponn pois korpacho yotn korunk laglo. Pedrun Kudova kodde eka ixtta porim vichar kelolo. Hem apleponn Kudovak avoddlem.

“Hanv hache poilim Mongllurant eke garejint nokri kortalom. Te garejicho dhoni Ram-bhayi. Taka Anuskha nanvachi eklich dhuv asli. Ami dogam-i ekamekacho mog kortalim. Ram-bhayik amcho ghutt gomlo tednam tannem amkam doxim kelim. Ani mhaka thoimsorlo dhanvddaylo.” Kudovan aplea kallzantlim bhavnam Pedruk sanglim. Pedrun jivitant kednach, khoincheach cheddvacho mog korunk naslo, punn moga fuddeant soglem sompta hem to zannam aslo.

“Hea sonvsarant khonichea-i avoy-bapayk aplem bhurgem eka borea ghorabeant kazar zalolem zai asta. Zait ghoddie osle gunn tannim tuje bhitor polleunk nant. Dekun, tannem tuka ani aple dhuvek doxim kelim. Ani hench tumchea noxibant aslem. Tuka tujem ak'khem jivit jiyevpachem asa. Kitem zalem tem atam visor, ani fuddlea jivitacher nodor mar.” Pedrun taka somjikayechea utramni sanglem.

“Mhojean visrunk zainam. Anuskhacho ugddas mhaka sotayta. Ram-bhayin uloylolim utram mhojem kalliz hulpaytat.”

“Oslim koslim utram tannem mhonnlim tor, jim tum tujea kallzak lavun bosla?”

"Mhojea jivachi porva korinastanam hanvem khorea monan tachexim vavr kelo. Eka tempar oxem distalem, Ram-bhayik mhoje xivay sonvsarant anik konnuch nam. Punn ekech goddiek tannem mhaka mhozo valor dakoylo. Itlim vorsam kelole tyag chikla poros paxtt kele."

"Kudov, jivitant konnuch konnacho nhoi. Sogle aplo faido polletat. Tuje huxarkayecho to faido ghetalo dekun tuka boro kortalo. Ani tum taka kitlo lagim zaunk sodta tem taka kolltoch, tannem tuka aplem sarkem rup dakoylem. Hi sonvsarachi chal. Hakach dhondo mhonntat. Dusre pavtt koslo-i nirnnoy ghetanam chintun ghe. Kednach dukovchonam."

Aplea jiva poros zachi chodd kallji gheta, toch monis tujer bodmas zata tednam kitli khont bhogta ti Pedru zannam aslo. Kudovachea kallzak ghottay diunk Pedrun taka apli kotha sangli.

"Zannam-i Kudov? Tuka eka onvollki mon'xan dukoyla. Punn mhojea jivitant mhaka mhojeach khaxea rogtan nakarla."

Pedruchea hea utramni khub bhavnam asleo. Tachea dolleank pollelear, taka konnem tori ghat kela mhonn kollun yetalem. Kudov aplem duk visorlo, ani ek ixtt zalolea porim tannem Pedrucher nodor ghali. Aplo konn tori apleponnan dukant vantto gheunk toyar asa oxem taka dislem.

Pedrun glasantlea soreak ghontt marlo, ani fuddem uloylo -

"Mhoji khobor oxi. Ami ghorant don bhav, ani

amkam tin bhoinni. Hanv vhoddlom. Lhan astanam ami khub tras kaddle. Hanv sumar vis vorsanche pirayecho astanam, Mumboi gaddianche eke komponint sirvis kortalom. Thoddim vorsam duddu ekttaim kele, ani Gõyant yevn dhondo korunk yevjilem. Hi garej ugoddli. Garejik goroz titleo-i boreantleo boreo vostu Mumboi thaun haddleo. Hanv ek vhodd dhondekar zauncho oxim mhojim sopnam aslim. Ani soglem chintnam promannem vetalem. Hanvem garej chalu keli tednam ti khub famad zali. Sumar pondra te vis kamdar mhojea hata khal kam' kortale. Moddganv ani Karwar thaun porian lok mhoje garejint apleo gaddio sarkeo korunk haddtale. Garejicho faido mhonn zoddlole zoddi khustar hanvem mhojea tin-ui bhoinnink ani bhavak kazar kelo. Punn mhozo sonvsar korpacho vell ailo tednam mhozo kazari bhav kosleo nam kosleo addkholleo haddun soiriko moddtalo. Kiteak, hanv ankvar urlear apunn ekloch tea soglea daizacho herderi zatolo mhonn taka khobor asli. Tachem chintop itlem apsvarthi zait mhonn hanvem kednach chintunk naslem. Vorsam tor oxinch dhanvun gelim. Bhoinni aplea sonvsarant khuxal asleo. Thoddea vorsamni bhav ani uni mhonnunk laglim - tuka bail-bhurgim konn nant dekun, tujea bhatta-bensacho vantto amchea nanvar kor. Tim mhaka mhojea zannteponnar asro zatolim hench chintun hanvem soglem tanchea nanvar kelem. Fokot garej soddun, kaim kallan tim negar gelim ani mhaka ghorantlo bhair ghalo. Tednam mhaka tanchem sarkem rup gomlem. Tea disa thaun hanv, mhoji garej ani mhozo soro."

Pedrun soreacho nimanno ghontt marunk glas

aplea tonddak laylo. Punn to nimanno ghontt martanam tachea dolleantlem ek dukh poleavelean tachea glasant poddlem. Jea mon'xan aplem jivit dusream khatir kabar kelolem, tachem az hem taka farikponn, hench chintun taka Devacher khub xinn aslo.

Kudovan tachim utram chint diun aikolim. Tannem apnnak ji aplea jivitachi khobor sangli ti tachem duk vanttunk nhoi, punn apnnak jivitachem lisanv koxem sanglam mhonn Kudovan bud ghetli.

"Tujea utramni sot asa. Dusre pavtt kednach oxem ghoddunk diunchonam. Punn sod'deak Anuskha borabor sarlolo ek-ek khinn mhaka sotayta. Tacho mog mhaka meklleponnan jivit jiyeunk fugar korta," Kudovan taka sanglem.

Tachem kalliz koslea vostunk axelam tem Pedru bes-boro zannam aslo. Tannem taka oddit bhitor vhelo. Mottem talem marun bond kelolea kuddachea fuddeant taka ubo kelo. Uprant aplea kuddantlean tea taleachi chavi haddli ani tem kudd ugoddlem.

"Hi tujea Pedruchi girestkay," Pedrun Kudovak sanglem.

Tantum asloleo vostu polleun Kudov ojaplo. Garejint kamak lagtat teo sogleo vostu asleo. Zoxe porim *grinder, welding machine, welding cylinder,* in'nem, *lathe machine* ani osleo sabar vostu asleo. Ronganchem mol fokot chitr chitravpiakuch khobor asta, toxem hea vostunchem mol fokot eka mekanikak khobor aslem. Kudovak khorench hi bhangarachi tizori, kiteak khoinchea vellar kosli vost uzar korunk

zai tem taka ekdom' borem yetalem. Tannem itleo vostu Ram-bhayichea garejint legit polleunk nasleo. Tanchem mol korun teo noveo haddunk gelear, lakhamni duddu zai poddtole asle.

"Hi mhoji girestkay. Punn mhaka tachi goroz nam. Hem samon ami vikum-ia. Heo vostu noveo haddunk gelear sumar pon'nas lakham voir tancho valor asa. Konnak-ui ami viklear unnech panch lakh tori duddu melltole. Uprant te duddu ghe ani tum Anuskha lagim kazar za, ani Ram-bhayiche dhuvek hanga hadd." Pedrun Kudovak bud dili. Him utram aikonam fuddem Kudov tachea tonddakuch polleunk urlo. Itlea vorsamni az Kudovak oslo monis mell'lolo zo aplea lagim asa titlem-i tache khuxalkaye khatir dan korunk toyar aslo. Ani oslea mon'xachem dan gheun Kudov koso khuxal astolo aslo?

"Patranv, az mhaka mhozo khoro bapuy mhojea fuddeant ubo asa koso dislo. Hi tuji girestkay mhojea gorzam fattlean kabar korop mhollear mhaka ek vhodd patok. Mhaka hantuntlem kainch naka. Punn tuka hanv kednach soddchonam." Dolleamni motiam sarkim dukham bhorun Kudovan Pedruk sanglem. Tannem Pedruk ghott veng marli. Dolleantlim dukham vhanvotuch ravlim.

Tanche modem patranv-kamdarachem nhoi, punn bapuy-putachem natem utpon'n zalolem. Pedruk to jivitant khub voir pavlolo zai aslem.

"Polle, hem tujem jivit, ani tum jiyeta toxem tem choltolem. Punn Devan amkam ek kherit dennem dilam, chintunk ginean. Tuji hikmot uzar kor. Ek dis sonvsarantle vhoddantle vhodd monis tuka apli man

bagoytole," Pedrun Kudovak sanglem.

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Pedru Kudovak puta bhaxen somzaytalo. Taka monantlean khuxal dovorunk to kosleo nam kosleo karyavolli korit aslo. Kednam-i taka gheun serkosik, cholchitrank vetalo. Doryant gorovpak vhortalo. Sumanak ek dis garejik sutti diun Gõycheo sobit vello, firgozo, kottam polleunk vetale.

Punn mogachem duens fokot mog kortoleankuch borem somzota. Pedru Kudova khatir korta titloch vell. Sanz zata mhonnosor tachi tokli porot teach sonvsarant ghunvtali. Koslech vostucher tachem mon lagonaslem. To fokot tinch sopnam sopnetalo - Anuskha ani tacho ekvott zaun tim khuxalkayechea somdirant kednam jiyetolim? Ani hem soglem khorem zatolem zalear taka duddvanchi goroz asli.

Punn itlo sogot duddu itle vegim to ekttaytolo koso?

Kosleo-i naddbudi va chori legit korunk to toyar aslo. Punn tachem ontoskorn'n taka

porvangi dinaslem. Tachem bhitorlem mon taka itlench sangtalem - nanv ibaddun ekttaim kelolea duddvank kosloch orth asonam. Xantichem jivit kednach jiyeunk pavchonam.

Itle vegim khoinchean duddu ekttaim zatole hench to dis-rat chintalo. Punn mhonn'nni asa, *je dolle sopon dakoytat tech dolle tem sakar zaunk rosto-i dakoyta.*

Ek dis, Pedrucho ixtt Romeo apli mottor-gaddi gheun Pedruche garejint ailo. Romeo vhodd dhondekar. Tache sumar xembor odik ttrok minachea dhondeant choltale. Torui pornni khottari mottor-gaddi gheun bhonvtalo. Duddvam babtint to samko chamtto. Aplea mottorak kitem-i zalear to ti dusre khoinchech garejint vhoronaslo. Pedrucheach fuddeant yetalo. Pedruk chear gozali sanglear puro. To tachem mottor sarkem korpache duddu porian ghenaslo.

"Are Romeo, zaitea kallan. Kitem zalem?" Pedrun Romeoak polletanch mhonnlem.

"Pedru irmanv, mottor chalu zaunk tras korta. Dukllun komes korchem poddta. Matxe hat lavun polle kitem zalam tem." Romeoan mottorachi oddchonn sangli.

"Hanvem kamak novo mekanik dovorla. Gaddianchea kamacho ekdom' zannar. Tuka rokddich sarki korun ditolo," Pedrun Kudovak bott dakoyt sanglem.

Romeoan koplak mirio ghaleo. Novo mekanik chodd duddu gheit mhonn chintun tachem mukhamoll bodol'lolem hem somzunk Pedruk vell lagunk nam.

"Tum mhozo perig amig dekun to tuje duddu ghevchonam." Pedrun taka sanglem, ani pois thaun Kudovak ulo korun sanglem - "Kudov, Romeoachi gaddi polle. Chalu zaunk tras korta khoim."

Kudovan dusri ek mottor-gaddi sarki korunk ugoddloli. Tem kam' toxench ordkuttem sanddun,

tannem Romeoachem mottor sarkem korunk hat ghalo. Kam' Kudov kortalo mhonntoch, Pedru tacheo gozali aikunk ekdom' bekar aslo. Romeoan sodanche bhaxen apleo khobro suru keleo.

"Zannam-i mure irmanv, padd poddum hea sorkarachem. Disan-dis petrol vaddot asa. Tea bhair, he pavttichea odmas-potrant khoim gaddianchem *tax*-ui vaddpachem asa. Fuddarak kitem zatolem kainch somzonam." Hi gozal sangtanam Romeoan aplem tondd samkem pinzlolem.

"Hea fuddem petrolar nhoi, punn udkacher cholpacheo gaddio yevpacheo asat," Pedrun hansot mhonnlem.

Pedrun hem fokannamni mhonnlolem. Punn him utram eka khoddegantt mekanikachea tonddantlean ailolim dekun Romeo tem sot somzolo. Motintle motint tannem gonnit chalu kelem. To tache sogle ttrok udkar choltat tosle korit zalear, hixeoba promannem mhoineak eke gaddie fattlean sumar ek lakh rupia tachean vattaum yetalo.

"Khorench irmanv. Tuzo konn-ui vollkicho asa zalear mhaka kolloy. Hanv mhoje sogle ttrok udkacher cholounk sodtam." Romeoan Pedruk sanglem.

Tancheo dogaincheo khobro Kudovachea kanavelean pasar zataleo. Pedrun moskoreo keleo ani Romeoan tem sot mandun ghetlem mhonn taka hansunk yetalem. Punn hanslear taka okman zait mhonn to ogich ravlo.

"*Uncle,* tujem mottor sarkem zalem.

Karboratorant thoddo kochro bhorlolo. Saf kela. Atam tras korchinam." Aple hat nivoll korit Kudovan Romeoak sanglem. Romeoan tanche upkar attoyle ani aplem mottor gheun to gelo.

Zoso to gelo, toxe Pedru ani Kudov khubuch hansle.

"Tum mud'dom polle. Atam to ghara vetolo ani hi udkar cholpi gaddi khoim mellta tachi sodpus korunk komes kortolo." Pedrun Kudovak sanglem. Hem niyallun Kudovak anik-ui hansunk ailem.

Romeo ani tachi udkachi gaddi hem aichea disachem fokann aslem. Kudov nhidunk vetanam porian Romeoachem chintun hanstalo. Punn ho hanso fokot thoddea vellacho aslo. Porot taka Anuskhacho ugddas sotaunk laglo. Tache meren pavunk duddu vegim ekttaim koxe zatole tench to chintalo.

Tednam tache motint ek chintop ailem. Khorench, zor udkar cholpi gaddi hea sonvsarant asli zalear, sogleank khub faido zatolo aslo. Ani zo konn osli gaddi he prithver poilo toyar korta, to kruttamni duddu kortolo. Punn khorench udkar cholpi gaddi toyar zaunk xokta? Ho prosn te ratik tachea fuddeant ubo zalo.

To lhan astanam padri vigaran taka dilolo rejist tannem bhair kaddlo. Tea rejistacher boroylolea *Kallzache Kholayek Thaun* utrancher tannem nodor ghali. Dusre sokallim uttlo ani aplea gineanant kirlololea vicharak he matiyer rochun haddunk aplea vavrachi survat keli. Dotora vangdda kam' kortanam ek gorjechi vost to xiklolo. Koslea-i duensak vokhod diunche poilim, tem duens koslem hem zannam zavop

gorjechem. Udkar cholpi gaddi hea sonvsarant yetoli zalear, gaddi koxi dhanvta tem poilem zannam zaunk zai aslem.

Eke gaddiek zaite sande astat, zoxe porim injin, *crank shaft, fly wheel, gear box, clutch assembly* ani xevttim tichim rodam. Gaddi cholunk sogle sande ekamekachea sohokaran vavurtat. Punn tantuntlo mhotvacho bhag mhollear, tichem injin. Kiteak gaddieche sogle sande injina udexim choltat.

Gaddiechea injina promannem gaddi kiteacher choltoli tem thavem zata. Injin veg-veglle torechem asta, zoxe porim petrolachem, dizolachem, adi. Punn soglea injinanchem kam' ekuch. Gaddiechea urlolea sandeank chalik launk tem fors utpon'n korta, ani heach forsar gaddi dhanvta.

Injina bhitor gorjecho sando mhollear *piston*. Ho *piston* tin vattamni bond kelolo asta, ani nollie sarkea lokhonddachea paipantlean voir-khala vochun fors utpon'n korta. To fors oso utpon'n zavpachi ek kherit tora asta. *Piston* khala vetoch te pokoll suvatent varo bhorta ani to voir gheun yeta. Ho varo chear-ui vattamni modem xirkololo asta. *Piston* anik-ui voir veta ani to chidd'ddayta. Ho varo chiddlea uprant, tachea bafan prexor vaddta ani khub gormi utpon'n zata.

Hea vellar tantum uzo pettunk fokot petrol va dizol unnem asta.

Ani toxench zata. Sakrechea konna itli kitt'ttibhor petrol va dizol tantum misoll zata ani thoimsor uzo pett'ta. Ho uzo pettla to chear-ui vattamni bond ani pokoll suvate bhitor asta dekun, hea ujeacho fors bhair

vochunk tea *piston*-ak khala dukollta. Heach nettan *piston* khala veta ani hea *piston*-ak mell'lolo fors to dusrea sandeank pattoyta.

Ho *piston* porot-porot voir veta ani tantum pettlolo uzo taka porot khala dukollta, hi chal eka sekenddak unnech kitlech pavtti tori porot-porot zata, ani fors utpon'n korta.

Piston-a udexim ailolo fors *crank shaft*-ak eka lokhonddachea sandeantlean mellta. *Crank shaft* uprant *fly wheel*-ak ghunvddayta. Ani *fly wheel*-antlean eka lokhonddachea varanva udexim urlolea sandeank fors veta. Oxe toren gaddiechim rodam ghunvtat. Ani xevttim *gear box*-achea adaran cholovpi ddraivor apnnak zai toso gaddi dhanvddayta.

Kudova bhitor az itlem boll aslem, gaddiecho ek-ek sando koso cholta tachi taka puray zannvay asli. Dekun, hea proyogachi survat gaddieche khoinche suvater thaun korunk zai tem sodun kaddunk taka augodd naslem.

Injin petrolachem, dizolachem asta. Punn udkachem? Toslem kednach nam. Ani gaddi udkacher choloytolo zalear udkachem injin toyar korchem poddlem. To dis-rat udkacher cholpi gaddiechem injin toyar korunk apli hikmot choloytalo. *Internet*-achea adaran tannem gaddiechi barik-sarik mahiti ekttaim keli, ani te vixim xikop kelem.

Petrolak, dizolak rokddoch uzo pett'ta. Dekun, hea ujeachea nettar gaddiechem injin cholta. Punn udok mat uzo paloyta. Hem oxem koxem zatolem? Vijneana promannem, udkak *H2O* nanavan vollkotat. *H2O*

mhonnche, udkant haidrojen vayuche *(gas)* don vantte ani ek vantto oxijenacho asta.

Haidrojen vayu uzo pettounk uzar kortat. Amchea Bharotant choddxea zageancher ho vayu randunk va her vostu cholounk uzar kortat. Mhonnche, zoxem petrol uzo peroyta, toxem haidrojen-ui ujeak tenko dita.

Kudovak hem umannem anik-ui sompem zait vetalem. Oxijen ani haidrojen vayu vegllavpi injin toyar korxi zalear, gaddiechem injin cholounk haidrojen vayu petrola sarkem kam' kortolo.

Hem Kudovachem chintop ani xikop aslem.

Hem xikop vevharant ghalunk zai. Tannem Pedruchi ti tizori ugoddli. Ek soinik zhogddunk vechea adim aplim hatiyaram poilim topasta toso, Kudovan Pedruche tizorent aslolem soglem saman bhair kaddlem. Tem saf kelem. Ani goroz tednam tancho upyog korunk ek-ek vost samki manddun dovorli.

Kudovan aple motintli yevzonn Pedruk sangli. Him tachim oxokyo pixeponnam aslim, punn to Pedruk hem soglem sangtanam odhikarachea avazan ani atm-visvasan sangtalo. To itle urben sangtalo, tachim utram aikotoch satt vorsancho Pedru ekvis vorsanche pirayecho tornnato zatalo, ani Kudov sangta titlem-i soddsoddit kortalo.

Chondrima' itlem pois tachem lokx aslem. Punn chondrim' aple mutti itloch oxea bhorvanxean tannem aplea vavrachi survat keli.

Tannem aplo vavr lhan-lhan bhagamni vanttlo.

He vorvim dor sandeant taka iskuttaun bodol korunk melltalo. Ek sando vevosthit cholunk toyar zalea uprant, to dusrea bhagak hat ghaltalo. Oxe toren sogle veg-veglle sande toyar korun tanche gorje promannem tannem ekttaim kele.

Tannem sade gaddiechea injinant bodol kelo. Bodol oso, udok ghaltoch ek vijneanik chal *(scientific process)* chalu zata. Mhonnche udok zollta, oxijen varean bhair veta ani vegllo urla to haidrojen eke tankient zoma zata. Ho haidrojen petrolachi gaddi cholounk nett divpachem kam' korta.

Kudovacho ho sôd-vavr sufoll zalo.

Tannem ek dhakttem injin toyar kelem. Tem injin eke mottor-gaddiek bosoylem, ani udkar cholpi gaddi toyar zali. Hea tachea chintnank zoit mellot mhonn Pedrun kednach chintunk naslem. Osli udkacher cholpi gaddi to poilech pavtt choloytalo tednam tannem Devak nomoskar kelo.

"Dhonia, az mhaka tujer kosloch xinn nam. Tunvem mhaka atam voir vhelear zata. Mhojem jivit sufoll zalem." Tea disa Kudova sangata Pedru itlo umedin bhorlolo, pottant ghalunk zago nam titlo to soro piyelo.

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Aplea adlea ixttank, jitlea-i zonnam kodde zaite ttrok, bosi va her gaddio asleo, titleank-ui to vochun bhettlo, ani udkacher gaddio cholpachem Kudovan sodun kaddlolem tontr *(technique)* tanche

mukhar manddlem.

Khoinchea-i dhondekarak aplo faido zai asta. Somoz tea dhondekaran pavttik ek lakh rupiacho khorch kelo ani tache gaddiek tor dizolache suvater udkar cholovpachi sovlot favo zali zalear, khorchilolo duddu don mhoineamni bhorun kaddunk zata. Urlolim vorsam fokot faidoch faido.

Vhodd-vhodd dhondekarank hi khobor gomtoch, tannim apleo gaddio tanchea fuddeant haddleo. Uprant tanchem dizolacher cholpi injin udkar cholpa sarkem kelem. Gaddiek udkacher cholpi injin bosounk dor gaddie fattlean Kudov oxe-toxe ek lakh rupia ghetalo.

Vhodd-vhodd dhondekaranchem ek mat fals. Faido zoddpachi kosli-i gozal tanchea vantteak ailear, te ti aplea sangatiank kednach sangonant. Dekun, hi udkache gaddiechi gozal fokot thoddeach, punn mott'ttea dhondekaram modim ghunvtali. Torui don vorsam bhitor Kudovan kruttamni duddu kelo.

Kudovan keloli hi udorgot polleun Pedru khubuch sontoslo. Torui Pedru az meren tache kodde bhaddem tin' xinch rupia ghetalo. Zaite pavtti Kudov Pedruk lakhamni duddu haddun ditalo, punn to taka sangtalo "tujem zoit hich mhoji khori girestkay."

Anuskha kodde logn zaun taka Gõyant haddtoch garejint koso dovortolo? Hench chintun Kudovan lhanxem flett viktem ghetlem. Pedru apli garej soddunk raji naslo, dekun flett bond dovorun, Pedruk sangat diunk Kudovak garejint nhidcho poddtalo.

Atam soglem tachea chintnam promannem choltalem. Torui Kudov kednam-kednam ekttoch bosun kitem tori chintalo.

"Atam soglem tuje yevzonne promannem cholta, torui tum oso ekttoch bosun kitem chinta?" Pedrun ek dis Kudovak vicharlem.

"Az mhoje kodde duddu asat khore, punn kallzant azun-ui ek bhirant asa. Hanv hem soglem Anuskha khatir kortam, punn Anuskha mhaka melltolem? Logn zaunk tem mhaka azun-ui ravlam kai? Hinch chintnam mhoje motint yetat," Kudovan sanglem.

"Hanv tuka ek kanni sangtam. Raza aslo. Apli razvottki bore toren choloytalo. Ek dis, tachi razvottki apnnaunk tache dusman zhuz manddtat. Raza soglea nettan zhuzachi toyari kortalo. Aplea dusmana poros dobradan xipay ani hatiyaram tannem moidanar dhaddlim. Te razvottkientle sogle porjek, tancho raza hem zhuz jikhtolo mhonn puray visvas aslo. Torui zhogddunk vechea adlea disa raza khub khontin ani chintnamni buddlo. Apunn az hem zhuz jikhtolo kai hartolo. Ani harlear aple razvottkiechem kitem zatolem, hench chintun to duki zatalo. Itlean tachea rajyantlo ek budvont yevn taka bhettlo. Razachem dukest mukhamoll polleun taka sanglem, "soglem sorun vetolem." Razan hea utrancher niyall kelo, ani apleach bhitor mhonnunk laglo, "khorench, soglem sorun vetolem. Faleam hanv jikhtolom va hartolom, urtolom va mortolom, punn zoso vell Devan nirmila tosoch to sorun vetolo." Kudovache dolle Pedrucher asle.

“Az tunvem tuje lagim ghoddta titli toyari kelea. Faleam kitem zavpachem asa tem Devachea hatant,” Pedru fuddem uloylo.

Him utram tea vellar taka khub dhirachim zalim. “Khorench, apnnem aichi sogli toyari ji kelea ani faleam kitem zatolem tem tannem Devachea hatant soddlem.” Hinch chintnam aplea monant gheun tannem faleancho dis Devacher soddlo.

Doryantlem ek tarum koxem tachem hem jivit. Taka deg dixtti poddtali. Punn itlean tachea kallzak ek dhoko boslo. Pedru ratcho cholun yetanam konnem tori tacher gaddi haddun marli, ani to thoinch somplo. Tache toklevelo eka vhoddilacho hat unno zalo. Punn veche adim tannem taka khub kitem xikoylolem.

Viz poddun hulpololea maddak khoim deddxe vanxe, toslich gozal Pedruchi asli. To melea uprant tacho dhaktto bhav garejichea vantteak ubo zalo. Kudovan tachea bhavak garejichem mol dobradan farik kelem ani ti garej vikti ghetli.

Jivitant to az poilech pavtt gareji bhair apli kodel ghalun boslolo. Tachea koxttanchem inam' koxem taka hi garej asli. Apunn te garejicho dhoni hem niyallun taka khub obhiman bhogtalo.

Az to jivitant eklo aslo. Taka asro ditolo konnuch monis naslo. Tachem lokx tachea fuddeant aslem ani aplem zoit zoddunk goroz tache poros tannem odik duddu ekttaim kelole. Te sogle duddu tannem eka begant ghale. “Anuskha mhaka ravta” him utram aple motint korantlim, ani teach visvasan aplea mogiak sodunk Mongllur vochunk toyar zalo.

Punn Anuskhachi khobor taka konn ditolo? Sogle tache add asle. Anuskhachea ghorcheank, ani odik korun tachea mamak, Rudruk apunn porot aila mhonn kollot zalear, te apnnak kosoch soddchenant hich gozal Kudovache motint khelltali.

Okosmat tachea monant ek kolponam ruzli. Tea vellar to apleach bhitor murgottlo, hanslo ani mhonnlem, “Dev borem korum Rudru mama.”



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To atam Mongllur ailolo, ani Anuskha sorxim pavunk Rudru mama Kudovak khub mhotvachi xiddi asli. Dekun, koxem-i korun Rudruk tannem aple vatten korunk zai aslo. Rudru apnnacher itlo zolltalo, to apnnak kednach fuddeant ghevchonam hem-ui to zannam aslo. Atam hem kam' sompem naslem, punn tachem lokx taka gorjechem aslem.

Kudovan oxem kelem. Addechem rupnnem ghetlem. Tonddak mixio ani khadd laylem. Matheak lamb kensanchem vig ghalem, ani tachevelean chepem ghalem. Aplea rupa sangata chal-ui bodol'li.

Rudru khoim ravta ani khoinchea bar'rar soro piyeunk yeta hem Kudov poilinch thaun zannam aslo. Tea bhair, taka ek avodd asli. Karrom khellpachi. To karrom khellpant titlo boro naslo. Taka konnem-i karromachea khellant haroylo zalear, to ekdomuch bejar zatalo ani rokddoch kizilam kortalo. Dekun, apunn konnak harounk xokta tache virudh to khellunk bostalo.

Kudov somtoch to soro piyeunk ani karrom khellunk veta thoimsor vochun boslo. Kaim vellan Rudrun sodanche porim tea bar'rar proves kelo. Bar'rachea gol'leaxim gelo, ani "hei Raghu. Mhaka ek *half quarter Honey Bee* ghal, ani *half soda*" oxem sanglem. Raghu bar'racho dhoni. Aplea giraikan sanglam toxem pivonn haddun dilem.

Bar'rachea eka konnxak karrom bordd aslo, ani thodde tornnate thoimsor bosun khelltale. Rudrun tancher ek nodor bhonvddayli. Ani chhati fuloun sodanche bhaxen add'ddolo, "az asa mhoje kodde konn karromant? Poixe lay ani poixe ghe."

Itlean tea tornnateam modlo konn eklo lhuan uloylo, "panch ani dha rupia layta tanche kodde ami khellonanv."

Rudruk him utram kanant koddlolem menn ghalolea bhaxen aslim. Tachi tokli firli. To uloylo - "Ar'ra! Konnem mhonnlam re tem? Bhikari mure tumi." Rudrun aplo glas thoinch gol'lear soddlo ani konnem mhonnlam tachexim zhogddunk gelo.

Thoimsor bes bodlun Kudov ubo aslo.

"Are irmanv, bhurge te, susegad za." Kudovan mukhar sorun Rudruk mhonnlem.

"Amche modem poddunk tum konn?" Rudrun taka prosn kelo. Rudrucho rag anik-ui vaddlolo Kudovan pollelo. Atam tachea nattkachi bhumika samki tache yevzonne promannem fuddem vetali.

"Hanv he suvater az poilech pavtt ailam. Hanga yo. Hanv ani tum karrom khellum-ia," Kudovan

Rudruk mhonnlem.

Tachim utram aikun Rudrucho rag il'lo unno zalo. Karrom khelltolo zalear sangati zai. Tea bar'rant tea tornnateanchea zomea xivay anik konn nasle. Tanche modem vochun khellop mhollear Rudruchea svabhimanak ek dag koso. Dekunuch to Kudova vangdda khellunk raji zalo. Punn apunn fokot tachea utrak lagun khellunk ailolea porim tannem Kudovak dakoylem.

"Borem tor, tuka zai dekun hanv tujea vangdda khelltam. Punn ekuch *game* asa," Rudrun mhonnlem. Uprant glas aplea hatant ghetlo ani karrom khellunk dovorlole kodelir boslo.

Kudovan karromacheo gulio manddleo. Pavddor otoylo. Ani manddloleo gulio foddunk *striker* Rudru kodde dilo. Rudrun manddloleo gulio foddleo. Ek gul somtich pokittant geli.

Kudovan taka fuloylo - "*great break.*" Gorvan Rudruchim buzam anik-ui matxe voir sorlim.

" Tujem nanv kitem?" Kudovan vicharlem.

"Rudru. Ani tujem?" Rudrun aplem nanv sangche sangun Kudovachem nanv vicharlem. Kudov ghuspolo. Apnnem taka khoinchem nanv sangchem tachi tannem toyari korunk nasli. Dekun, aplea tonddar jem poilem nanv ailem tench tannem sangun soddlem - "Laxmikant."

Rudrucho sintid ekach zagear naslo. To bariksannen ani tirxe nodren khub kitem niyalltalo. Karromacho ek bordd khellun zatoch tannem

Kudovacho khell pollelo. Kudov fosfosun khellta ani tachea khellant zobor-so dom' nam mhonn tannem tacho sumar kelo.

"Poy Laxmikant. Hanv kednach fukott khellonam. Duddvanchem poiz marlear mhojea khellant ek attvich umed yeta." Rudrun Kudovak mhonnlem.

"Hanv-ui horxim fukott khellonam. Tum sang, kitle duddu dovorun khellum-ia te." Kudovan taka sanglem.

"Jikhpiak xembor rupia."

"Fokot xembor? Mhoje vattechean dha hozar rupia lagle." Hozaranchim dha nottam kaddun Kudovan karromachea borddar xevttilim.

Thoimsor, bar'rantlea soglea giraikanchi nodor ghunvddaunk him dha nottam puro aslim. Sogle Rudruk ani Kudovakuch polletale, ani Rudru tea nottank polletalo. Soreachea nadar monis osleo koramoti korta mhonn Rudru chintalo. 'Haka soro choddla astolo. Punn mhaka kitem?' Rudru aplech bhitor uloylo.

Anik ek pavtt khatri korunk tannem Kudova kodde porot vicharlem, "poy Laxmikant. Tum zannam nhoi tunvem kitlea rupianchem poiz marlam tem?"

"Hoi, dha hozar rupianchem. Khell konn jikhta taka te vetole," Kudovan anik-ui nettan zobab dilo.

Zoso khell fuddem vetalo toso Kudov harunk laglo. Apunn jikhta tem polleun Rudru ekdomuch umedir aslo. Thoimsor aslolea sogleanche motint

ekuch gozal asli - Rudru eka inosent mon'xak topi ghalpacho asa. Punn Kudovachem Kudov zannam aslo. Tache toklent kitem asa tacho konnakuch thav naslo.

Xevttim Rudru to khell jikhlo. Tannem obhimanan Kudovak mhonnlem, "di mhoje dha hozar rupia."

"Hanv ekach utracho monis. Ghe he dha hozar rupia." Kudovan Rudruk dha hozar rupia dile.

Kudovachea hatantlim nottam Rudruchea hatar poddtoch, Rudru khoxen hanstalo va roddtalo tem kainch somzonaslem. Thoimsor hajir aslole sogle zann ho Kudovacho attvoch sobhav polleun thottakle. Kudovan aplem rup bodol'lolem khorem, punn tachea nhespan-ui taka bodol'lolo. Kuddik nove chokchokit kopdde, pāyant ekdomuch mharog moche, ani te bhair hatant-golleant bhangaracheo vostu. Ekdom' jhanot nheslolo. Tachem pozisanv polleunuch to khoinchea tori ganvcho rajkunvor astolo oxem konn-ui mhonntolo.

Ho monis hea xarant novo, ani taka konnachich vollok nam mhonn Rudrun ekech goddien niyall kelolo. Tannem aplo bezo fuddem choloylo. Hea girest mon'xacho apunn ixtt zalo zalear, to apnnak khubuch faideacho zatolo mhonn tannem yevjilem. Kudov-ui, tache motint oslech vichar ghal mhonn Deva lagim magtalo.

"Khorench tum konnakuch vollkonam hea xarant?" Rudrun Kudovak vicharlem.

"Hanv *Rendezvous Five Star Hotelant* ravtam. Hanga fokot oso bhonvddek ailolom." Kudovan sanglem.

"Hanv tuka bhonvddaytam. Mhoji gaddi asa. Aichean tum mhojea sangata."

"Rudru bexttoch mhaka lagun tras gheum naka," Kudovan nokreamni sanglem.

"Tras kosle? Tum amchea xarant novo, mhonnche amcho soiro. Ani soireachi ami sodanch seva korunk zai."

Itlean, fattlean boslolea tornnateam modlo eklo uloylo - "Are, poilo aplea avoy- bapaychi seva korunk zai, uprant soireachi."

Rudruche toklek peg choddlolo aslo. Adon chulir xizta toxem tachem koddlolem. Zo konn toxem uloyla tacher don vazounxim taka distalem, punn Kudov fuddeant ubo asa mhonn tannem sosnnikay ghetli ani ogich ravlo. Tannem Kudovak sanglem – "he vadiu ani bekar bhurge. Ami hangasorle ya. Hanv tuka Mongllurchem xar dakoytam."

Te dog-ui thoimsorle gele.

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Thodde dis dog-ui sangatan bhonvle. Rudrun taka zaite, pollevpa sarke zage bhonvddaun dakoyle. Kudov-ui tache koddchean fukott kam' korun ghenaslo. Gaddiechi petrolachi tanki sodam bhortalo, tea bhair bokxis koxem taka duddu-i ditalo. Rudru kitlo duddvanche axecho to Kudov zannam aslo. Dekun, tache motint aple ixttagotichem amrut godd zaunk dor disa to taka duddvamni nhannoytalo.

Sumar att dis vangdda bhonvlea uprant, Kudovan mud'deacher yevche khatir Rudruk utor ghalem.

"Rudru, tum hea Mongllurchea soglea lokak vollkota?" Kudovan Rudruk vicharlem.

"Choddxea zannank. Kiteak? Tuka koslem kam' aslem?" Rudruk Kudovachem bhitorlem mon kainch khobor naslem.

"Sangchem mhollear, hanvem hanga eka cheddvak pollelam. Punn tache lagim kednach ulounk nam. Bhailean thaun matxi tachi khobor kaddloli." Sinemachea pordear *hero* murgott'ta toxi *acting* korun Kudovan sanglem. Cheddvachi gozal mhollear Rudruchi lenv rokddich ubi zatali.

"Tum fokot tea cheddvachem nanv sang. Ho tuzo ixtt taka sodun kaddtolo, ani tujem kam' kortolo." Tache khobrek sumara bhailo kan diun tannem mhonnlem.

"Hanvem eka mon'xa kodde tachem nanv ani tache famili vixim vicharlolem. Tannem sanglam tachem nanv Anuskha, ani tachea bapaychem nanv Ram-bhayi."

Itlem sangonam fuddem Rudru dolle motte korun Kudovak polleunk laglo. Rudru dolle motte korun apnnak polleta mhonn Kudov sogloch ghuspolo. To ragan kai mogan polleta tem Kudovak kainch somzonam zalem.

"Tem kazari va tachem kazar zavpachem asa?" Kudovan bhiyeun porot vicharlem. Rudrun aplea mukhamollar hanso haddlo.

"Tem azun-ui ankvar asa, ani tachim ghorchim taka kazar korunk ek boro-so bhurgo sodtat." Rudrun Kudovak ek anondbhorit khobor dili. Him utram tachea kanar poddnam fuddem tache tokler aslolo sonvsaracho soglo bhar khala denvlo. Anuskha azun-ui logn zaunk nam hi goddi taka zomnir ravun ontrollak hat lavpa sarki asli. Tea vellar taka ugddas yetalo titlea-i Devank tannem ulo kelo ani argam dilim. Tachea dolleantlean khoxechim dukham vhanvlim.

"Tum roddtai?" Kudovachea dolleantlean dukham vhanvtalim tim polleun Rudrun vicharlem.

"Nam.. kainch nhoi... tuka somzunchem nam," Kudovan xirkololea avazan mhonnlem.

"Ani hanv tea cheddvacho mama. Mhaka dista tem tuka manovlam."

Rudrun hordem fuddem kaddun taka sanglem. Kudov matso murgottlo, ani apnnak Anuskha lagim logn zavpachi khuxi asa mhonn Rudruk thavem kelem.

Ho girest monis Anuskhachea jivitant ailo zalear, Ram-bhayik sortuch futt'toli, oxem porot-porot Rudruche motint yetalem. Taka hi soirik fuddem geloli naka asli.

"Polle Laxmikant, hanv tacho khoro mama, ani tum mhozo ixtt mhonn tuka sangtam. Tea cheddvacho sobhav boro nhoi." Rudrun Kudovak apleponn dakoylem.

"Rudru, tum oxem kiteak mhonnta?" Kudovan Rudruk vichar kelo.

"Tachea bapayche garejint kam' kortolea eka kamdarachea tem mogant aslem. Ani jednam hi gozal Ram-bhayik gomli, tednam tannem tea kamdarak pois kelo. Dogaimni mogant astanam khub nattkam kelim. Itlench nhoi, tacho bapuy taka zaiteo soiriko haddta, punn tem sogleank dhanvddaun ghalta. Kazar zalear teach cheddea kodde zatolem, nam zalear apunn ankvaruch mortolem mhonn tannem sangun dovorlam."

Konnak-ui marunk kopant vikh ghaltat te toren Rudrun hi khobor sangloli. Punn jednam hea vikhacho ghontt Kudovache kuddint riglo, tednam hem vikh amruta poros godd zalolem. Hem soglem aikun Kuddovache kuddintlean thondd varo suttlo. Soglo sonvsar eke vatten, ani dusre vatten tachem mogi Anuskhak ubem kelear-ui koslich vost tachea hea bolidanak sor zaunchinam oxem Kudovak dislem. Az Kudovachea visvasachem zoit aslem.

"Dekun, tum ani tache bhan'goddek poddum naka." Rudrun Kudovak fuddem sanglem.

Kudov poilinch thaun Rudruchem vikhallem mon zannam aslo, punn tachea hea kusddea monantlean bhair sorlolim utram Kudovachea kanamni pavtoch koxim khoxechim lharam zatalim tim fokot Kudov zannam aslo.

"Rudru, tum mhozo ixtt kai dusman? Polle, hanv kazar zalear teach cheddva kodde zatolom, ani tuje kodde mhojem kam' korunk zainam zalear hanv somtoch vochun Ram-bhayik melltam, ani Anuskhacho hat magtam. Punn tunvem mhaka sangat diit zalear

hanv tuka pon'nas hozar rupia ditolom," Kudovan Rudruk duddvanchi axea dakoyli.

Hi utram aikun Rudruchea tonddantli lall goll'li. Xit-ui nam ani mitt-ui mellchem nam, xevttim fator khaunk poddot mhonn to bhiyelo. Mellta tem ghevpachem, uprant konnachem-i kitem-i zaum, tannem chintlem.

"Borem tor. Fokot tukach lagon hanv utor ghaltam. Punn mhojem komixon mhaka mellunk zai," Rudru aplea sobhavacher gelo.

"*Advance* mhonn he ghe dha hozar rupia." Oxem sangun Kudovan Rudruchea hatar eka hozarachim dha korkorit nottam dovorlim.

Atam Rudru chintunk poddlo. Tea vellar to Rambhayichem kainch vaitt chintinaslo. Punn Anuskhak hache lagim logn zaunk koxem toyar korchem tem tache motint ghunvtole vichar Kudovan teach khinnant parkhile.

"Rudru, itlo chintest zavpachi goroz nam. Anuskha mhoje lagim kazar zatolem ani taka koxem raji korunk zai tem hanv tuka xikoytam." Kudovan Rudruk sanglem.

Anuskhak zoxem apunn porot aila mhonn gomtolem toxem tem apnnak jerul mellunk yetolem, ani uprant apunn taka soglem somzaytolo mhonn Kudov visvasan ravlolo. Punn Anuskha meren to ho sondex koso pavoytolo aslo?

Anuskha ani Kudov mogant astanam, Kudovan aplea jivitachi sogli kanni taka sangloli. Tancho novo

mog choltalo tednam, Anuskha Kudova kodde vichartalem, “tum mhozo kitlo mog korta?” Tednam Kudov apnnak padri vigaran lhan astanam dilolo rejist bhair kaddun, tachea fattlean boroylolim utram vhoddlean vachtalo, “Kallzache Kholayek Thaun.”

Kudovan ek manddnni kaddli. Tannem oxea utramni ek chitt boroyli.

“Mogall Anushka, Ho rejist tuka. Fattlean tacher boroylam tem vach. Hanv tuzo rajkunvor ani tum mhoji fuddarachi ranni mhonn tuka atam gomlem astolem. Dekun, konnak gomoynastanam sodanche suvater, sodanchea vellar mhaka mellunk yo. Tuzo morgad.” Hi chitt ani rejist tannem eka envolopant bond kelo, ani tem envelop Rudru udexim Anuskhak dhaddlem.

Rudruchi tokli dedd metr fuddem cholta mhonn Kudov zannam aslo. Rudru ti chitt ugddun vachtolo mhonn Kudovak puri khatri asli. Ani tea uprantuch ti chitt Anuskhak ditolo mhonn taka khobor asli. Dekun, tannem te chittir, vell, suvat ani apli vollok ugteponnim borounk nasli. Punn Rudruche motint urlole cheallis hozar rupia oxe ritin ghunvtale, ki he chitti kodde to khellpache bhan’goddent poddunk nam.

Rudru promannikponnan ti chitt vhorun Anuskha kodde dili. Chitt polleun Anuskha ojap zalem. Poilim tem gheunk sodinaslem, kiteak Rudru kednam koslem nattok korit tem sangunk zaina mhonn tem chintalem. Punn uprant tannem ti chitt ghetli. Ugddun polleli. Chitt ugoddtanch to rejist pollelo, ani rejista udexim ti chitt Kudovachi mhonn taka thavem zalem. Magir tannem chitt vachli, ani somzupachem soglem somzolem. Chitt vachtanam tachea mukhamollar

amurpiko hanso ful'lo. Oslo hanso zo konnench Kudov soddun gel'leak tachea mukhamollar polleunk naslo. Tem aplea sorgantlea sopnant gul'l zalem. Ani sanglolea vellar ani zagear Kudovak bhettunk toyar zalem.

Mhonntat, moga oslem anik sonvsarant kainch nam. Mog korpi ek goddi porian ekameka pasun pois ravunk sodinant, punn him dogam-i sumar don vorsam ekemeka pasun pois aslim. Kudov sarko tharaylolea vellar tharaylolea zagear pavlo, ani Anushkachi vatt pollet ravlo. Anushka dhanvun-dhanvun sodanchea zagear pavlem, ani Kudovak polleun ojap zalem ani uprant mogachea umalleamni tanchi bhett zali. Tannim dogaimni ekamekak ghott veng marli. Tanchim kallzam ghoddea bhaxen dhap-dhap korun dhanvtalim. Dhakttulim pisollim-pakhe angar bosun katkutleo kortat toslo xirxiro tanchea kuddinchea xirantlean pasar zatalo. Kuddiche doxim kelole sande ekttovlole. Ho vell tankam ek soponuch koxem aslem. Tea vellar dogaimni ekvottan khoxeche khinn sarle. Kitloch vell tanche modem ulovp zaunk nam. Tim fokot mogachea dolleamni ekamekak polletuch ravlim, ani ekameka bhitor rigpacho yotn kortalim. Tancho niz mog hea vellar fulun ailolo.

Thoddea vellan tim ekameka pasun doxim zalim, punn Anushkachem mathem aplea hordeak layt Kudovan taka aplea sovem ghoddlolem soglem sanglem. Koxe toren tache khatir rup bodlun apunn hanga ailo tem sangtanam, Rudru fattlean kitle duddu moddle tem-ui sanglem. Ani atam taka apnna vangdda sasnna khatir vhorunk aila mhonn khatren sanglem.

"Zannam Anushka, mhaka naka hanvem tuka pollun vhelolem. Hanv tuka kaidean, tujea vhoddilam kodde magun, tancho axirvad gheun obhimanan logn zaun vhorunk sodtam. Asai nhoi tum toyar?" Kudovachea utramni tache bhitor novo jiv bhorlo. Tem fokot taka niyallit aslem.

"Punn mhojea *daddy*-in tuka vollkolo zalear....."

"Tachi tum dasti kaddum naka. Te khatir hanvem sogli toyari kelea."

Boreach vellan rokddinch mellpachea havesan tannim ekamekacho nirop ghetlo.

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Ram-bhayi aple dhuvechea fuddarachem chintun bejar aslo. Taka konnachea-i mathear ghalum-xem taka zalolem. Chukon konn-ui cheddo tache motint vochot oxe axen konn-konn haddta titleo-i soirigoti to taka dakoytalo. Oslea tachea gorjechea vellar Rudrun soirik haddloli. To Ram-bhayik vochun mell'lo. Nhovreachim talam ani vhoddvik sangun tachea monant borem bim' vomplem.

Atam, soirik haddpi Rudru. Ram-bhayik tacher tandllachea konna itlo porian visvas naslo. Punn Ram-bhayi anik kitem kortolo aslo?

"Cheddo bore familintlo ani borem xikla zalear, taka polleunk mhaka koslich oddchonn nam, " Ram-Bhayin anik kosloch upay nasun cheddeak pollevpachi itsa dakoyli.

Rudruchea bolsant Kudovan dha hozaranchem vozon ghalolem. Ani urlole cheallis hozar rupia tachea fuddleant ghunvtale. To anik aikota? Horxim taka Kudova babtint kainch khobor nasli. Torui tannem obhimanan Ram-bhayik bhopke marle.

"Tachem nanv Laxmikant, ani Gõyantle eke girest ani nanvoste familintlo. Xiklai khub. Tache familik hanv ekdom' boro vollkotam." Rudrucher visvas dovorun Ram- Bhayin Kudovak apounk sanglem.

Don disam uprant, addechem rup gheun Kudov Ram-bhayik mellunk gelo. Anuskha ani to ekamekak polletalim. Anuskhan koslich oddchonn dakoynastanam 'hoi' mhonnlem. Itle vegim aple dhuven logn zaunk 'hoi' mhonnlolem polleun, Ram-bhayi ojap zalo, punn taka hache poros anik anondachi gozal nasli.

"Vhokol raji asa zalear bore gozalik kiteak vell ibaddcho? Korum-ia nhoi lognachi toyari?" Ram-bhayin Kudovak vicharlem.

"Ami tujeach utrak ravtanv. Amche vatten soglem toyar asa." Kudovan sanglem. Toxe tannem duddu diun chear-panch mon'xank bhaddeachi famil koxi toyar keloli. Tantum tacho bapuy, avoy ani mama-mami soglim hoikar ditalim ani toyari dakoytalim.

Ram-bhayi bhotta fuddeant gelo.

" Bhott-mam, zulltoli nhoi kunddli hea bhurgeanchi?" Ram-bhayin taka vicharlem.

"Zullonam zalear zulloum-ia. Tuje dhuvek borea ghoranneantlo bhurgo mellta taka osoch soddun

divpacho? Hanv polloytam." Bhottan thoddo vell dogaincheo kunddleo zulloyleo ani khuxal zaun 'zulltat' mhonn porgottlem. Magir tannem pon'chang kaddlo.

"Dezembrachi ekvis tarik, boro murt asa." Bhottan sanglem.

"Dezembrachi ekvis chodd lamb zatoli, matxe lagim zainam?" Duddvanchim nottam dakoyt Kudovan bhottak vicharlem.

"Zat'lem, zat'lem. Novembrachi ekvis pasun dhorunk zata."

"Atam koxem zalem?" Soglim khuxal zalim ani eka vhoddlea hotelant lognacho dobazo korpachem tharaylem. Oslo zanvoim mellop mhollear ek vhodd bhag oxem Ram-bhayi somzotalo.

Soglem bore bhaxen zalem. Ani bhasaylolea promannem devcharak prosad angoylolea bhaxen, Kudovan Rudruche urlole duddu taka dile.

Ram-bhayin aple dhuvek Anuskhak, kuddir ghalunk suvat nam titlea bhangaran bhorli. Kudova lagim tanche gorje promannem khorch korunk duddu asle. Anuskhan aplem soglem bhangar aple avoy kodde dovorunk dilem. Tannim aplea vhoddilancho axirvad ghetlo ani *honey-moon*-ak vetat mhonn sangun, Mongllur thaun Gõyam yevnk bhair sorlim.

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Gõyant boroch goddbodd zalolo. Ek ttrok cholovpi bebdo ddraivor, apli gaddi udkar cholta mhonn sogleak

perganv ghaltalo. Konnuch lok tachem sotmandinaslo mhonn tannem nomuno koso, tanchea fuddeantuch gaddieche tankient udok ghalem, ani tankam gaddi choloun dakoyli ani apli vhoddvik gazoyli. Hi gozal pulisechea kanar sadovli.

Pulisamni ttrokachi topasnni keli, ani urlolim soglim kagdam topaslim. Polle zalear, te gaddiek kaidean dizolachem injin asunk zai aslem, punn tem injin vegllech torechem aslem. Ani ojapanchi gozal mhollear, khorench ti gaddi udkacher choltali.

Hi gozal borich mukhar pavli. Varo koso rokddich *Road Transport Officer*-anche (RTO) kocherint pavli, thoinchean pulis khateant, ani thoinchean her vhodd zutt'ttier aslolea mon'xanchea mezar pavli. Udkacher cholpi gaddi polleun soglech ojap zale. Punn he gaddiek injin ailem tori khoinchean hi thottakpa sarki gozal asli. Chovkoxi kelea uprant, Kankonn Pedruche garejint tem injin bosoun gaddio bhair kaddtat mhonn kollun ailem. Vegim-vegim pulis te garejint gele. Zalear, garej bond.

Te gareji kuxik ek monis aplo lhan-so gaddo gheun bhaji-palo viktalo. "He garejicho dhoni khoim gela?" Pulisamni bhaji-palo vikpiak vicharlem.

"Khub dis zale, hi garej ugoddloli hanvem-i polleunk nam. Zaitem giraik mat yevn gelam. Kudov khoim gela kainch somzonam." Tea gaddekaran tankam sanglem.

Kudovachi vatt polleun-polleun pulisamni att disamni garejichem talem moddlem. Bhitor tankam valorachem samon ani her vostu hatak lagleo.

"He garejicho patranv zoso ailo, toso taka pulis thannear yevn amkam mell mhonn sang." Pulisamni bhaji-palo viktolea mon'xa kodde rekad dovorlo.

"Tannem kitem vaitt kelam? Ekdom' boro monis to." Bhaji vikpian pulisank mhollem.

"Tannem kainch vaitt korunk nam, punn porvangi nastanam gaddianchim injinam udkacher choltat toxim korun vikleant, hoch tacho guneanv." Eka pulisen zap dili, ani ti zap aikun taka hansunk ailem.

"Borem *sir*, to yetoch taka pulis stteixonar dhaddtam," tannem pulisek sanglem.

Tech ratik Kudov novoch logn zaun Anuskhak gheun porot Kankonn pavlo. Anuskhak aplea flettant vhelem. Eke ostorechem sukh ghorkarachem ghor. Anuskha rit-rovixen ani dev-bhirantin vaddlolem cheddum. Tannem Kudovachem lhan ghor aplem mondir koxem mandun ghetlem. Ani sogleo vostu zagear ghalunk survat keli.

Kudov teach vellar aple garejint ek nodor marunk gelolo. Konnem tori aple garejichem talem moddlolem ani garejintleo moladik vostu unneo asloleo tannem pollelem. Pulisent vochun te vixim kes korunk to yevjitalo. Teach vellar gareji fuddlean to bhaji-palo vikpi monis ubo zalo ani taka zap keli.

"Kudov bab.... itlem dis khoim gel'lo? Pulis ailole tuka sodunk."

"Pulis?" Kudovan ojapun vicharlem.

"Tannim tuka pulis thannear yevn mell mhonn sanglam."

"Punn kiteak?"

"Sorkarachi porvangi nastanam udkar cholpi gaddio korun tum viktai mhonn te somzotat. Mhaka zalear tanchem ulovp aikun khub hansunk ailem, punn kitem kortolom? Pulis-mama nhoi te? Dekun hanso sosun, babddem tondd korun ogich ravlom."

Kudovan aplea tonddar addecho hanso haddlo.

"Chol matso pulis thannear vochun tankam mellun ye, nam zalear te tuka sotaytole." Bhaji vikpian Kudovak sanglem.

"Borem bhau-u. Dev borem korum. Hanv tankam mellun yetam."

Kudov nitt aplea ghora gelo. Anuskhan sogleo vostu manddun sobta tea zagear dovorloleo. Kudov itlea ogeponnan bhitor sorlo, tacho to sobhav polleun kitem tori ghoddlam mhonn Anuskhan sumar marlo.

"Kitem zalem? Itlem soglem Devan borem kelam ani tum kitem chintai?" Anuskhan voir-sokol zaun taka vicharlem. Tednam gareji vixim ghoddloli khobor Kudovan aple potinnik sangli.

Atam tim dogam aslim. Don tokleo choltaleo. Jem kitem korunk yevjitat, tem dogam-i mandun gheunk toyar astolim toslo nirnnoy gheunk zai aslo.

"Pulisamni tuka dhorlo zalear, te tuje mukhar sogle kaide manddtole, ani kaidean tum guneanvkari mhonn sid'dh kortole. Itlench nhoi, tuka bondkhonnint

bond-ui dovortole. Odik borem ami he duddu gheun hanga sorxilim pollun gelear. Hanga amkam konnuch sarkim vollkonant. Ami khoinche-i suvater vochun hea duddvam khustar susegad amchea jivitachi novi survat korunk zata." Anuskhan ek novo vichar Kudova mukhar dovorlo.

"Tuka mhoje poros-ui bori hikmot asa Anuskha." Kudovan potinnichi tust keli.

"Kaideachi mhaka thoddi zannvay asa." Anuskhachea utrancher Kudovan barik niyall kelo, ani tantum taka zaitem sot disun ailem. Portun ek pavtt gombhir vichar kelea uprant, dogaimni mellun sangatan nirnnoy ghetlo ani tech rati thoimsorlim pollun gelim.

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Dusrea disa, pulis porot tache garejint taka sodunk aile.

"Tumcho Kudov mhonntat to azun-ui yevnk nam kitem?" Bhaji vikpi mon'xak pulisen vicharlem.

"Aila. Kal ratim hanga ailolo. Tumkam pulis thannear vochun mellunk hanvem taka sanglolem. Yevnk nam to tumkam mellunk?" Bhajivalean vicharlem.

"Kitem? Tunvem sangun-ui to pulis chovker yevnk nam?" Pulisank rag ailo.

"Borem asa. Atam amich taka sodun kaddcho poddtolo." Dant pajit pulis thoimsorle koddsorle.

Te soroll Kudov ravtalo tea flettaxim gele. Tachea flettak talem marlolem aslem. Tannim anik ek dis tachi vatt polleli. Uprant, flettachem talem moddun bhitor sorle. Thoim flettant sogleo vostu aplea zagear vevosthit ritin manddloleo asleo. Konn tori nigtoch tem flett soddun gela mhonn distalem.

Pulisamni xezariam kodde vichar-sodpus keli.

"To te ratim eka cheddva sangata hanga ailolo. Tannim apunn logn zaleant mhonn sangun amkam godd khann vanttlolem. Punn sokallim polle zalear, tanchem ghor bond aslem." Kudovachea flettak tenkun aslolea eke xezarian sanglem. Kudov ho ganv soddun pollun gelo mhonn pulisek atam khatri zali. Aple manddavolli promannem tannim bariksannen vaspus keli. Tednam, eka cheddva vangdda to Mumboi vochpache eke bosir gela mhonn tankam kollun ailem.

Udkacher cholpi gaddiechem tontr atam Ghor Montria meren pavlolem. Hem korpi monis konn to tankam koso-i korun zai aslo. Pulisanchea mathear taka sampddavpacho bhar vaddot aslo. Kudovak dhorpachem kam' pulisanchea hata bhair gelolem. To monis zata title vegim sampoddcho mhonn Ghor Montrian ti *file CBI* Khatea kodde dili. *CBI* Khatean taktin aplea vavrachi survat keli. Te garejintlem ani Kudovachea flettantlem soglem samon bariksannin pollelem. Thoimsor mell'lolim bottanchim chhapam, kens ani her purave aplea tabeant ghetle. Tachea bottanchim chhapam aplea kompiutorar aslolea adlea guneanvkarianchea chhapank sor zata zalear pollelem. Eke gozalin tanchi sogleanchi nodor thirayli. Him bottanchim chhapam ekach mon'xachea bottank sor

zatalim. Ani to monis mhollear, toch dotor, zaka *CBI* Inspektor Naik sodunk bhonvtalo ani to azun-ui sampddunk naslo.

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Tarik 26 Novembr. Inspektor Naikacho zolmacho dis aslo. Aplo zolmacho dis famili sangata sarunk to hea disa sodanch sutti ghetalo. Don'parchea vellar jevonn jevtanam tacho mobail vazlo. Mobailar ailolo numbor polleun, to fon aple kocherint thaun aila mhonn taka gomlem.

"Hello?"

"Sir, this is Inspector Jerome here."

"Yes Jerome. Sang kitem zalem?'

"Happy birthday ani aichea disa tuka ek khoddegantt *gift* asa."

"Thank you Jerome. Punn to khoddegantt *gift* mhollear kitem?"

"Sir, Pen-de-Tona ganvant zaloli kes tujea hatant asa, ani to guneavkari azun-ui mellunk nam."

"Hoi. Fuddem sang."

"Kal ek novi kes amchea fuddeant ailea. Ani hi kes mhollear, sorkarachi porvangi nastanam, Kankonnoche eke garejint ek monis udkacher cholpi gaddianchim injinam korun viktalo. Taka sampddaunk pulisam kodde *warrant* asli, punn ho monis khoim lipla

tacho odmas konnakuch mellonam. Ami tache garejint ani her suvatancher, melltat title-i purave ekttaim keleat. Punn ami tachea bottanchim chhapam amchea kompiutorar asa zalear pollelim tednam, tum sodta tea dotorachea ani hea mon'xachea bottanchim chhapam ekuch aslolim mell'leant."

"Khorench! *Great news.* Hea mon'xa vixim tumkam anik-ui kosli khobor mell'lea?" Inspektor Naikan khoddegantt avazan vicharlem.

"Tache vixim amkam vhoddlixi mahiti mellunk nam, punn sogle taka Kudov mhonn vollkotale. Lokamni sanglam tea promannem ami tacho ek fottu toyar kela."

"In twenty minutes time, I will be there in the office," oxem sangun Inspektor Naikan fon bond kelo.

'Kudov' hem utor aikonam fuddem Inspektor Naikak ugddas ailo. Kudov nanvacho ek bhurgo apnna fuddeant vavr kortalo mhonn Dr. Vernekaran ek pavtt taka sanglolem.

Inspektor Naik itlea vorsamni poilech pavtt aplea zolmachea disa kocherint kamak ailolo. Tannim toyar kelolo Kudovachea rupnneacho fottu gheun to Pen-de-Tona ganvant gelo.

Thoim to thoddea ganvkarank bhettlo. Lokam kodde Kudovachi barik-sarik khobor ghetli. Tankam to toyar kelolo tacho fottu dakoylo. Tannim toyar kelolea fottvacher khadd ani mixio asloleo. Ganvchea lokamni taka bhurgeponnar dekhlolo. Monis vaddtoch koso dista ani lhan astanam koso astolo hacho odmas

korpachi Inspektor Naikak zannvay asli. Tannem lokanche sangnne promannem Kudovachea bhurgeponnavelo fottu aple motint chitraylo, ani aplea hatant aslolo fottu ani tea ganvant ravpi Kudov ekuch monis aslo hachi tannem khatri korun ghetli.

Punn ek khor chintop Inspektor Naikak khatalem. Lokanche sangnne promannem, Kudov avoy-bapuy naslolo bhurgo. Fokot satvi meren xikop korun iskol soddlolem. Eka tempar jevnnak padiser zatalo. Torui yedem vhoddlem ojap tannem hea sonvsarant koxem zolmak haddlem? Udkacher gaddio cholpachea soda fattlean ekloch monis zababdar asa mhonn Inspektor Naikacho azun-ui visvas bosonaslo. Atam hea soglea prosnancheo zapo fokot Kudov sampoddta tednam melltoleo. Ani tea disak to axeun ravlo.



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Tarik 26 Novembr. Tanchea lognak fokot panch dis zalole. Tim atam Gõyam thaun Mumboi ailolim. Anuskhan taka lagun aplo sonvsar soddlolo. Kudovak aplea poros Anuskhachea sukhachi chodd porva asli. Tika to sodanch ek ranni koso dovortolo mhonn yevjitalo.

Tannim azun-ui aplea kazarachi poili rat sarki sarunk nasli. Kudov Anuskhak Mumbointlea sogleam poros vhoddlea *Five Star Hotel, Taj*-ant gheun gelo. Anuskha hea adim aplem ghor soddun kednach dusre suvater ravunk nasli. Hotelant bhitor sortanch ti sorbhonvtonnim ekuch nodor firoytali. Thoimsor manddloleo vostu, dor konnxak ubem kelolem armusanv ani torekvar rongamni nettoylole chear-ui konnxe tika sopnantlea sonvsarant vhorun dovortale. Thoimsor nettoyloli ek-ek vost tika bhuloytali. Ti pollevpakuch urtali. Ani tichea borabor Kudov-ui ojaptalo. Hem soglem polleun ojapun tondd ugtem zatalem tem bond pasun korunk to visortalo.

Tanchi hi vagnnuk polleun, thoimsor kamak

aslole kamdar, tim poilech pavtt eka vhoddlea hotelant aileant zaum-ie oso odmas kaddtale. Itlean, Hotelacho yezmani tanchea fuddeant ailo ani *reception*-na vatten bott dakoun tankam sanglem -

"Excuse me sir. The reception is there. Please go there and enquire."

Kudov *reception*-ar gelo.

"I want to book a room for three days. How much will it cost?" Kudovan *receptionist* cheddvak vicharlem.

Tea cheddvan tanchim mukhamollam polleun, poilench chitr kaddlolem. Ani tanchem kam'-ui tench aslem. Konn-ui novo bokddo mell'lear tankam borich topi ghalpachi.

"Are you'll on honeymoon trip?" Tea *receptionist* cheddvan tankam vicharlem. Tannim dogaimni voir-khala apli tokli haloyli ani ekach avazan "*yes*" mhonnlem.

Tea *receptionist* cheddvacho ho sodancho tiatr aslo. Punn tiatrachim patram *(actors)* bodoltalim. Ani he pavttichim novim patram aslim tim Kudov ani Anuskha.

"Sir. There's a special package for honeymoon couples. Two nights and three days. A special honeymoon suite inclusive lunch, dinner and a special tour to....." Hanstem tondd korun, khaltea avazan *receptionist* cheddvan tea Hotelachi yevzonn tanche mukhar manddli. Oxem korun, tem *receptionist* cheddum reddio koso uloyt ravlem. Devan sonvsarant teo sovloteo ekech suvater haddun dovorleat, ani urlolea sonvsarak

heach Hotelar yevn tancho anond gheunk sanglam oxe ritin tea Hotelant asloleo-nasloleo sovloti tea *receptionist* cheddvan tankam sangleo. Tem kitem uloylem tem Kudovak nam mhonn Anuskhak kainch somzunk nam. Don rati ani tin disank tannim tea Hotelachem kudd bhaddeak ghevpachem itlench tankam somzolem.

"Ok mam. We would like to go for honeymoon package." Anuskhan sanglem.

Tea *receptionist* cheddvan khoxi porgottayli, ani aple gal anik-ui matxe fuloyle. Tachem tem murgottpi tondd polleun, Anuskhan tache lagim *honeymoon package* nhoi, punn tachea tonddant godd-godd khoddi sakor ghalea oxem Kudovak dislem.

"So sir, I have booked honeymoon package. The days are 26th, 27th and 28th November. From today onwards. May I have your names please?" Tea *receptionist* cheddvan Hotelacheo formaldadi suru keleo.

Kalponik sonvsarant asa zalear nanvam-i toslinch diunchim poddtolim nhoi? Ani oslea kamant Anuskha samki huxar asli.

"Prince Charlie and Cindrella," Anushkan sanglem.

Hotelachea kamdarank fokot duddvanchem pixem. Tim magir Hotelant yevpi konn-ui Romeo ani Juliet zaum aslim. Anuskhan sanglim tim nanvam tea *receptionist* cheddvan pustokar boroylim.

"Please go to the next counter and pay your amount." Tea cheddvan tankam sanglem.

Tim dogaim Hotelachea dusrea gol'lear bil farik korunk ubim zalim. Thoim aslolea kamdaran ek kompiutor bil Anuskhachea hatant dilem. Tem bil polleun Anuskhak xello-gham' suttlo. Bil ponchvis hozar rupianchem aslem.

"Tum hanga ravunk sodta to piso ba zaunk nam mu?" Anuskhan Kudovak kuxin vhelo ani lhuan sanglem.

"Kitem zalem?" Kudovan vicharlem.

"Hem bil polle." Anuskhan bil Kudovachea hatant dilem.

Moga fuddeant khoinchech vostuk koslench mol nam. Tea Hotelant bhitor sortanch Anuskhachea mukhamollar jem mannkulem chitr upraslolem, tem Kudovachea monant toxench ghor korun aslem.

Aplea mogiacho oslo rupkar polleunk razamni apleo gadio soddleo. Shah Jahanan 'Taj Mahal' bandlem. Zalear, Anuskhachea tea kallza khatir ponchvis hozar rupia tor kainch nhoi asle.

"Hanv zannam, ami atam dogam asanv, ani fuddem amkam lamb fuddar asa. Punn mhoje kodde duddu asat, ani oslea Hotelamni ravunk mhaka khub avoddta. Tujea khatir nhoi, punn mhojea khatir ami hanga don rati sarum-ia." Kudovan Anuskhak somzaylem. Apnnak khuxi mhonn sangun Kudovan tika-i raji keli. Ani tache khuxe add ti koxi vetoli asli?

Hotelachea kuddant pavum porian tanchem samon ubarunk ani vatt dakounk Hotelache monis asle. Kudovan sodanch aplea jivitant soglem kam'

apleach hatamni kelolem dekun, to konnak tras diunk sodinaslo. Punn Anuskha taka ponchvis hozar rupianchem bil dakoytali, ani tem sogle kam' tannim korum mhonn goddie-goddie Kudovak khunnam kortali.

Hotelachea kuddant bhitor pavtanch dogma-i ponchvis hozar rupianchem mol visorlim. Thoimsor dovorloleo vostu mon'xachem mon ghunvddavpa sarkeo asleo. Gomgomit cheracho pormoll, vhoddleo khatti, kuxik ubim kelolim sobayechim zhaddam ani lakddachea attvea akaran aslolem mez ani kodeli. Tea bhair, vhoddli *LCD TV* ani von'ttir humkollaylolim adlim punn uncha molachim painolam aslim. *Steam bath*-ache sovlotichi nhanni Anuskhan aplea jivitant poilech pavtt polleloli. Hea nhanniamni vazamni ubim kelolim zhaddam ani konnxamni asloleo vati cholchitr sttudiont dakoyta to dekavo monant haddtalim. Dusrea utramni, hat-kolen *(handicrafts)* ani her soimbik daizan nettoylolem hem lhanxem kudd tankam itlench sid'dh kortalem - anik-ui ponchvis hozar rupia diun anik don dis ravlear-ui tea kuddachem mol unnem poddtolem.

Tea khattincher ghalole mov-mov kulchanv oso onnbhov ditale, zoxe porim ontrollavelim kupam haddun thoimsor patllayleant ani tim dogam-i tancher nhidleant. Tim ekamekacher fusfuxit uxim marun khelltalim. Sorgantlea kupam borabor dog mog korpiam khelltat hea dekaveak sonvsarantli anik khoinchi vost sor kortolo?

Dogam-i ekamekachea gopant varear ufetalim. Az tankam konnachich addkholl, nhoi mhonn koslich

chinta nasli. Dogam-i fokot sopnantlea kolponik sonvsarant aslim. Tancho ho prithvevelo khoxecho khinn aslo.

Sokallim novak tim Hotelant bhitor sorlolim. Atam ratchim pavnnim ikra zait ailolim. Itlean Kudovak Ram-bhayicho ugddas ailo.

"Anu, mhaka dista ami kelam tem sarkem nhoi. Ami dhongiponnam korun tujea baba-ayicho axirvad ghetlo." Anuskhak polleun Kudovan mhonnlem.

"Nam zalear anik koslo upay aslo? Logn zaunk baba mhaka disak ek cholo dakoytalo. Ami oxem korunk naslem zalear, amcho ekvott kednach zauncho naslo,"

oddchonnintlean vatt kaddli ti sarki mhonn Anuskhan mandun ghetlem.

"Zannam hanv. Punn atam zaunk zai aslem tem zalem. Mhaka dista, tankam fon korun sot kitem tem sanglear borem." Kudovan somjikayechea utramni Anuskhak sanglem.

"Hoi. Ami babak sangum-ia. To amkam kitem-i mhonnum," Anuskhan dhakttule dolle korun taka pollet mhonnlem.

Anuskhan khattiche kuxik aslolea fonacho *receiver* hatant ghetlo. *'Dial Zero for Assistance'* oxem tea fonacher boroylolem borovp tache nodrek poddlem. Anuskhan *zero* numbor damlo. Telefon *operator*-ak Ram-bhayicho numbor sanglo, ani taka fon korunk hukum' dilo. Anuskha aplea baba kodde ulounk umedin asli, punn fon vazunk laglo toso tiche bhitor ek bhirant

nirmann zali. Tinnem fon Kudova kodde dilo.

"Ghe, tum poilo uloy ani soglem sang. Magir hanv uloytam." Anushkan Kudovak sanglem.

"Hello? Konn uloyta?" Dusre vatten thaun Ram-bhayicho avaz yetalo.

"Ram-bhayi... Hanv Kudov." Kudovan anvddo gill'lo ani lhou avazan mhonnlem.

"Atam zanvoim mure tum mhozo. Dekun baba mhonn. Ani mhoji dhuv koxi asa? Atam tori zalem nhoi tem khoxi?" Ram-bhayi vegllench kitem uloytalo. Tachim utram aikun Kudovak kitem ulounchem tem somzonam zalem. Logna adim lipoyloli khobor taka sangtoch, Ram-bhayi somtoch Monglur thaun Mumboi yevn tankam jivexim martolo oxi to opekxa kortalo. Punn hanga tor soglench urfattem zalolem.

"Hello? Kitem zalem? Ogich kiteak asa mhojea zanviam?" Kaim vell Kudov ulounk nam tem polleun Ram-bhayin vicharlem.

Him utram Ram-bhayin nattkantlo hansovpi fokanner zalolea porim mhonnlolim. Kudovacho hanso sanvronam zalo. "Ghe, tuje dhuve kodde uloy" mhonn tannem fon Anuskha kodde dilo.

Kavllo kombiechea pilank zhompoy marta toso Anuskhan fon oddun ghetlo.

"Baba, koso asa tum? *I am sorry baba,"* oxem mhonnon Anuskhan dukhanche vhall denvoyle.

"Tuji khuxi ti amchi khuxi bay. Kudovak hanvem pois kelo tednam tujea tonddar fankarlolo dukacho

kallok amkam anik-ui khontint ghaltalo. Punn fattlea kaim disamni tujea tonddar hanvem khuxalkayecho uzvadd pollelo. Mhoji dhuv ji sodanch hanspi ani amkam sogleank umedir dovorpi, ti atam aplea sonvsarant porot jivi zalea ti hanvem dekhli. Kudov porot aila ani tuka bhettla, hem mhaka gomun ailem." Ram- bhayin apunn zannam asloli gozal ugti keli.

"Baba, tuka khobor asli zalear he vixim tunvem mhaka kiteak vichar korunk nam?" Anuskhan vicharlem.

"Ho tuzo baba ak'khea Mongllurant bexttoch yedo vhoddlo dhondekar zaunk nam. Tuka vhorunk Kudov khoinchean nam khoinchean zhompoy martolo mhonn hanv zannam aslom. Sonvsarantlea khoinchea ayi-babak aplim bhurgim duki aslolim polleunk zai? Don vorsam fattim keloli chuk porot zainam zaunk, zoxem nattok cholta toxem cholum mhonn hanv ogich ravlom." Aplea babachim utram aikun Anuskhachea dolleantlean anik-ui dukham vhanvlim.

"*Thank you* baba. Ani ayi khoim asa? *Hello... hello* baba??" Uloytanach fonacho avaz bond zalo. Kudovan *receiver* aplea hatant ghetlo ani kanak laylo. Matui avaz yenaslo. Fon bond poddlolo. Ragan Kudovan fon apttilo.

"Itle duddu bhorleat ani fon legit sarko cholonam?" Kudovan ragan aplech bhitor vichar kelo.

Anuskha khoxechea umalleamni nachtali. Tinnem Kudovak veng marli ani tachea vottanche ume ghetle. Te ume ghetanam ak'kho sonvsar tanche bhonvtonmim ghunvtalo.

Kudovak chodd tiddok asli tea fonachi. Anuskha itle urben aple ayi kodde ulovpachi asli, ani Hotelachea kamdaramni to fon bond kelolo.

"Hanv khala vochun tea *receptionist*-ak tapoun yetam." Kudovan Anuskhak sanglem.

"Tum porot ailea uprant hanv tuka ek umo ditolim." Anuskhan, barik dolleamni aplea tonddar amurpikoch hanso haddun bhitorlea utramni sanglem. Hi tichi kuddichi vondavnneachi bhas aikun Kudov tea kuddantlean bhair sorunk sodinaslo. Anuskha ek inosent bavli koxi distali ani tea utramni tika anik-ui sobit keloli.

Kudov darantlean bhair sorlo, ani *lift*-in khala vochunk *lift*-icho butanv damlo. "*Lift*-ui xirkolea. Khorench, ekdom' faltur Hotel," oxem apleach bhitor gunngunnot to panvddeamvelean khala denvunk laglo. Tachem kudd chovte mallier aslem. To denvun tisre mallier thaun dusre mallier pavlo. Poile mallier pavunk to tin panvdde utorlo ani itlean taka boballpi lokacho avaz aikunk ailo. Lok boball-kinvcheo martalo. Tannem aplea pavlancho nett vaddoylo. Ani dhanvun-dhanvun, kitem zalam tem polleunk poile mallier denvlo. Itlean taka lokacheo kinvcheo, boball ani hueli anik-ui vhoddlean aikunk aileo. Tea vellar gadda-gadda korun, cholchitramni bondukamni gullio martat toslo taka avaz ailo. Eka vhoddlea pordear cholchitr khelloylam ani ho soglo avaz tea cholchitracho astolo oxem taka dislem. To poile malliechea poileach panvddear ubo aslo. Thoimsor panvddeam kuxik ek kudd aslem. Ek lhan, goroch bhurgo aplea kuddachem dar matxe ugtem korun lokacho avaz aikotalo. Kudovak polleun

tea bhurgean vicharlem,*"Excuse me sir. What's going on down there?"*

Kudovan aplim don-ui buzam voir kaddun ani tokli haloun taka *"I don't know"* mhonn sanglem.

Itle mhonnosor, fuddlean sumar sat-att lok khala thaun dhanvun voir yeta to tannem dekhlem. Tanchea vangdda Hotelacho ek karbhari-i aslo. Apnnak adar korat, aplo jiv salvar korat, hech bhirantin tim dhanvun yetalim. To lok zoso Kudova fuddeant pavlo, tednam tea Hotelachea karbharian Kudovachea hatak dhorun mhonnlem, *"come quickly sir."*

To sangta tea promannem kitem tori vaitt ghoddlam mhonn taka gomlem. Tannem-i apnnak tanchea zomeant aspaun ghetlo. Poile mallier to lhan bhurgo, zo matxem dar ugtem korun polletalo, tea darak Hotelachea karbharian hat ghalo. Tem dar ugtem kelem. Ani apnna vangdda aslolea soglea lokak tea kuddant bhitor ghale ani dar bond kelem.

Tea kuddant soglo mellun atam ikra lok aslo. Ek lhan bhurgo ani tachi avoy tor poilinch bhitor aslim. Zalear, atam ailoleam modem tin ostorio ani panch dadle asle. Tea Hotelacho to karbhari ani Kudov soddlo zalear, urlolo soglo lok dusrea desantlo aslo. Thoimsor sogleanchea tonddar kampero distalo. Konnacheach tonddantlean utram suttonaslim.

"What's wrong?" Kudovan tea Hotelachea karbhariak vicharlem.

"There's a terrorist attack inside the Hotel. Two terrorist are openly firing innocent people. They are just

killing them like anything." Tea karbharian lamb suskar soddun sanglem. To anik-ui kitem sangunk sodtalo, punn tachem dhodd'dhoddpi kalliz tachim utram xirkaytalem ani tachea dolleamni dukham udelim. Tache bhitor fuddem ulovpachi anik xokti nasli mhonn Kudovak gomlem. To ogich ravlo.

Itlean Kudovak Anuskhacho ugddas ailo. *"My wife,"* tannem mhonnlem.

"Where is she?" Hotelachea karbharian vicharlem.

"She is on the Fourth Floor, Room Number 415. I have to go to her"

Dar ugddunk Kudovan darak hat ghalo. Tednam soglim tachexim dhanvun ailim.

"No sir. Please do not open the door, we beg of you sir. Please do not open."

Oxem korun soglo lok tache pãya poddun dar ugoddchem nhoi mhonn taka vinounk laglo. Punn Kudov apleach nettar aslo. Kosoch konnachench aikunk toyar naslo.

"No. I have to go."

"Please. I have a small kid. They gonna kill all of us." Eke ostorien taka sanglem.

Him utram aikonam fuddem te ostorechea bhurgean avoy kodde vicharlem, *"mamma, if uncle opens the door will we die?"*

Tea inosent bhurgeachim tim utram aikun apnnem kitem korum tem Kudovak kainch somzonam

zalem. Itlean konnem tori bhailean thaun darar khontt marli.

"Darvajea kholo. Kider chupege? Tum logo ki mout ayi hain." Bhair thaun konn tori boball martalo. Him utram aikun soglinch koddkoddlim. Tancher bhiranticho kampero ailo. Ghamache vhall futtle. Tea Hotelacho karbhari sogleamni ogeponn samballchem mhonn aplea tonddar bott dovorun kuru kortalo. Sogleamni ap-aplo suskar legit ghevpacho avaz bond kelolo.

"Hei, kidor bhag raha hai? Eh lelo." Bhair daraxim aslolea mon'xachea tonddantlean oxim utram bhair sortoch, 'gadda... gadda...' korun tannem aplea bondukantlean konnacher tori far soddlolo aikunk ailo. Ani to monis dhanvun fuddem gelo mhonn soglim sumar kortalim. Punn to khorench pois gela hachi khatri konnakuch nasli. Zoxem kitem to monis azun-ui tea dara bhair ubo aslolea porim sogleamni tench ogeponn samball'lem. Te ostorien aplea putachea tonddar hat dovorun tachem tondd bond kelolem.

Sumar don voram sorun gelim. Bhair kitem zata tachi konnak kainch khobor nasli. Bondukanchea farancho avaz yevpacho bond zalolo, punn ek-ek pavtti kaim vellan bombancho mottean avaz gaztalo. Ani ho avaz, tanchem kalliz anik-ui nettan dhodd'dhoddaytalem.

Atam sumar nov voram zaun gelolim. Akantvadianche bhirantin tea Hotelantlea kuddamni liplolo lok ek-ek goddi Devachem nanv gheun sartalo. Hea vignantlim vattovtolim hi axea thoimsor aslolea

soglea lokamni soddloli. Itlean konnem tori darar marlem.

"Is anyone there? We are the Special Task Force. Open the door." Darache bhaile vatten thaun avaz ailo.

Bhitor aslolea sogleancho koddkoddo atam anik-ui vaddlo. Avaz bodlun dar ugddunk zai mhonn te akantvadi tankam bhuloytat oxem sogleank distalem. Konnuch dar ugddunk raji naslo. Aste-aste bhair thaun konn tori eklo dar ugoddta tem bhitor aslolea lokamni pollelem. Sogliamni Devak ulo marlo ani aple dolle bond kele. Dar ugddun hatant bonduk gheun konn eklo bhitor sorlo. Ek ostori bhiyeun thoimsoruch mutli. Dar ugddun bhitor sorpi to monis uloylo - *"Don't panic. We are Special Task Force. Come follow us."*

Tachim tim utram aikun, sogleanchim kallzam jim bhiyeun tonddant pavlolim tim porot zagear gelim. Thodde soldad tankam vattaunk ailole. Tanchea hatant Hotelachea soglea kuddancheo chavio asleo. Soglim, to sangta toxem korunk tachea fatta-fatt gelim.

"Sir, I have my wife on fourth floor. I have to go on top." Kudovan tea soldadak sanglem. To soldad taka chovte mallier vochunk koxich porvangi dinam zalo. Punn Kudov anik-ui mottean add'ddolo - *"I want to go, means I want to go."*

"We have evacuated the entire Hotel. All the people are taken out safely. But the terrorist are still hiding on top. Follow the officer and check for your wife outside," tea soldadan Kudovak sanglem.

Kudovak tea vellar koso-i korun Hotelantlean

bhair dhaddunk zai aslo. Dekun, tea soldadan taka fott sangli. Nam zalear Kudov tednach Anuskhak sodunk chovte mallier vetolo aslo, ani thoimsor vochun tanchem kam' anik-ui augodd kortolo aslo. Kudovan tea soldadachem sangnnem sot mhonn mandun ghetlem. Khala denvun yetanam tannem melolea lokancheo kuddi mezar, zomnir poddloleo asleo teo polleleo. Sogleak rogtacho xinvor. Ho dekavo polleun Kudovak ghunvoll koxi aili. Ani halot-halot to tea loka vangdda denvlo. Vatter to Anuskhak he ani te vatten sodtalo. Tea soldadan tankam sogleank tea Hotelantlim bhair kaddlim. Tankam pois, eka surokxit zagear vhelim.

Tea Hotelantlean bhair ailolea loka modem Kudov Anuskhak sodtalo. Thoimsor ubo aslolea lokam kodde vichar kelea uprant, tea soldadamni chovte mallier aslolea lokancho sôd atanch suru kela mhonn taka kollun ailem. Soldadamni atam meren fokot poile mallier xirkololea lokak tea Hotelantlean vattaylolo.

Azun-ui tannim dusre, tisre ani chovte mallier aslolea lokak vattaunk zai asle. Anuskha chovte mallier asa mhonn Kudov zannam aslo. Tannem dhanvun porot bhitor vochunk proyotn kelo. Hotela bhair revaddo ghalun ravlolea pulisamni taka addaylo. Tannem bhitor vochunk khub thokos ghetlo, punn to kosoch bhitor pavunk nam.

Atam, he ghoddnnechim sumar ottra voram somplolim. Thodde-thodde korun pulis ani soldad lokank Hotelantlean bhair kaddtale. Jiveank ani meloleank-ui bhair haddtale. Punn tanche modem Anuskha khoinch disonaslem.

Hotelantlean bhair yevpiam modem Anuskha asa kai mhonn to bariksannin polletalo. Titlich tachi nodor halonastanam Hotelache chovte mallier asli. Itlean tannem chovte malliek uzo pettlolo dekhlo. To anik-ui ghaborlo ani uchamboll zaun hanga-thoim dhanvunk laglo.

Atam sumar don dis sompun gelole. Kudov dolleanchi pati haloynastanam bhair yevn tanche modem Anuskhak sodtalo.

Anuskhan tea vellar holduvo chuddidar ghalolo. Pois ravun, eka moddeacher ghalole dhove olintlean Kudovache nodrek holduvea chuddidaracho il'loso kuddko zollkholo. To dhanvun tea moddeaxim gelo, ani tachevelo dhovo kuddko kuxin kaddlo.

Polle zalear kitem? Sonvsarant konn-ui apnnak moronn magit, punn Deva kodde oslo vell kednach magchonam. Anuskhachi meloli kudd polleun to thoimsoruch konsllun poddlo. Taka kainch yevzonaslem. To fokot Anuskhak uttovpacho proyotn kortalo. Tachem tondd kitem uloyta, hat kitem kortat ani to kitem korunk sodta takach khobor nasli. Tacho sonvsar itlean somplolo. Anuskhachi meloli kudd aplea hatamni ukhlun to vhoddlean add'ddotalo. Piso koso roddtalo.

Tachea kallzak vhodd dhoko boslolo. Tachea jivitant taka lagim aslole sogle soddun gelole, punn az Devan vhelea ti tachi chodda mogachi vost asli.

Kudova kodde pulisamni Anuskhachi sogli mahiti ghetli. Tanchea kuddant mell'lolem soglem tanchem samon Kudovachea svadin kelem. Tea begamni duddu

asle. Punn te atam koslea faideache oxem Kudovak dislem.

Kudovan Anuskhache kuddicher dhormachea kaidea promannem vidi keli

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Kudov dukache kholayent sanddlolo. Jivitant taka fuddli vatt kitem ti gomonasli. Kitem korchem tench taka somzonaslem.

"Tunvem mhoje sovem oxem kiteak kelem-i Deva? Jivitant sodanch hanvem duk onnbhovlam. Mhaka tunvem rochloch kiteak?" Tannem Devacher xinn kelo.

Tachea sangata anik-ui khub lok roddtalo. Ek avoy Deva kodde vichartali – aplea putan, zalear ek bail aplea ghovan konnak kitem vaitt kelam kai mhonn suskar soddtali. Lhan-lhan poram, aplo fuddar kiteak ibaddlo kai mhonn sorgak dolle lavun vichar kortalim. Itlo sogott inosent lok. Kiteak? Tea disa ak'khea Bharot desacher kallo pordo poddlolo.

Goddie-goddie Anuskhacho rupkar Kudovachea dolleam mukhar ubo zatalo. Jem kitem ghoddlam tem tache motint tajem aslem. To eka eksurea zagear boslo ani yevzunk laglo.

"Mhojea jivitant atam anik kitem urlam? Soglem sompadlem." Man pondak ghalun to roddunk laglo. Teach khinnak taka Sarveshacho ugddas ailo. Sarveshan aplea mogak lagon kiteak jiv dilolo tea

prosanchi taka az zap mell'li. To samko niraxi zal'lo. Mon'xachea jivitant oxè-i khinn yetat, jednam mon'xak kitench naka dista. Eke eksure suvater aplem samon soddun to fuddli vatt cholunk laglo.

Kudov eka pular gelo, ani thoinchean udkant uddi marun aplo jiv sompounk tannem pavl ubarlem. Itlean taka apleach bhitor ek avaz aikunk ailo.

"Rav. Tum kitem korta? Tujea sangata anik-ui zaiteo famili az dukovleat. Kainch korunk naslolea inosent lokacho tannim jiv kaddlo. Ani hantum tujea chodda mogachem Anuskha asa. Kosle darun monis zait te? Tujem jivit sompoyta ani tum har mandun ghetai? Khorench, Anuskhak sompoylam tacho bodlo gheunk sodta zalear hea mon'xank nopoyt korunk vavur."

Kudovan jiv diunk mukhar ghalolem aple pavl fattim ghetlem. Ho avaz tacho nhoi, Anuskhacho aslo. Tednam tannem Anuskhachea mama kodde, tika mellunk chitt dhaddloli tednam tim dogam-i sumar don vorsamni ekamekak porot bhettlolim. Tednam Anuskhan mhonnlolem, "tum mhaka vhorunk porot aila dekun hanv az khub khuxal. Az amcho mog jikhlo. Fuddarak tum mhaka kednach duki dovorchonam, ani mhoje khatir ak'khea sonvsara kodde porian zhogoddtolo mhonn mhaka khatri asa."

Hinch utram tachea bhitorlea avazan tachea kanaxim sadoylolim. Apnnem jiv sompoylear tancho mog hartolo mhonn to zannam aslo.

Tannem oslem kitem korunk yevjilem, je vorvim Anuskhacho khun kortoleanchi sudd gheunk zatali.

Ani fuddarak, Anuskha porim anik konnuch toslea monisponna bhailea kornneank bolli poddchonam.

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Kudovan osleo sogleo vaitt kornneo nopoit korunk nichev kelolo. Kallzak poddlolo ghavo tachea chintnancher porimnam' korun odik sotaytalo. Taka ravunk sarkem thikann naslem. Koslo-i sôd korunk khoinche-i suvater vetolo zalear, tachea hatant aslole duddu taka ek addkholl koxi asli. Dekun, eka veglleach vicharan aplea kodde aslole sogle duddu tannem benkint dovorle ani aplo fuddlo vavr suru kelo.

Eke *cyber-cafe*-int vochun *internet*-ar boslo. Bomb koxe toyar kortat ani lokak marpacheo vostu he akantvadiank konn vikta tachi barik-sarik mahiti tannem ekttaim keli. Tannem kaim pustokam viktim ghetlim ani khub vachop kelea uprant, hea akantvadiank dhorop mhollear somdirachem udok khali korop oxem taka dislem. Oxe torechea akantvadant vhodd-vhodd mon'xancho hat aslo. Tanchim pallam-mullam fokot Bharotantuch nhoi, punn puray sonvsarak ximpoddlolim. Sonvsarachea veg-vegllea konnxak ravun te aplim kamam kortale. Ani Kudova oslea eka mon'xak tantum bodol haddunk sompem naslem.

Punn kallzak zalolo burak taka apli har mandunk koxich maneotay dinaslo. Dekun to eke vegllech toren hea vostuncho nas korpi upay sodun kaddunk vavurlo.

Hea sonvsarant kosli-i vost kortolo zalear, thodde

mullave kaide motint dhorpachi goroz asa. Ani he kaide Kudov aplea jivitant xiklolo. Poilo mullavo kaido Dr. Vernekaran xikoylolo. Khoinchea-i duensak koslem-i vokhod ditanam, tea duensachi puray mahiti asop khub gorjechem. Dusro, Pedrun sanglolo kaido. Devan amkam chintunk ginean dilam. Tem ami uzar zalear, ak'kho sonvsar halounk zata.

Tannem aplo sôd suru kelo. Poili sogli mahiti ekttaim keli. Akantvadi khoinchean toyar zatat, te khoinchea desantlean aplo vevhar choloytat, te khoinchea desant chodd ximpoddleat, nisonnton korunk te kosleo vostu uzar kortat hea sogleacho tannem barkayen obheas kelo.

Tannem ekttaim kelole mahite promannem, bomba osleo nisonnton korpi vostu *RDX, Nitorglucerin, TNT,* daru oslim rosayonnam *(chemicals)* uzar korun toyar kortat. Atam, *RDX* ani bomb korpacheo her vostu, porvangi nastanam konn-ui on-vollki mon'xa kodde asop mhollear tacho hetu fokot lokak marun uddovp ani sogleak duspott korop itloch zaunk zai. Pulisanchi porvangi nastanam heo vaitt vostu gheun bhonvpiank dhorit zalear, bomb korunk va te foddunk konnuch fuddem sorchonam.

Punn hankam sampddaytolo koso?

Jea zageancher mon'xanchi sonkhea chodd asta thoinch choddxe bomb futt'tat. Ani mon'xanchi sonkhea chodd asta thoimsor kosli vost asunk xokta? To chintunk laglo.

Mobail fonachem *signal.* Hem *signal* amkam dolleank disonam khorem, punn lok aslolea

suvatancher ximpoddlolem asta. Fokot mobailachea *signal*-acher cholpi osli kosli-i vost toyar keli zalear, *RDX* ani her vikhalleo vostu hea mobailachea *signal*-achea tabeant asat titleo-i kompiutora udexim sampddunk xoktat.

Atam, hea mobailachea *signal*-a vorvim ek novi vost toyar korunk zai asli. Ho zaun aslo poilo bhag.

Dusro bhag. Kosli-i vost sampddaytolo zalear, tem kitem tem sid'dh korpachi goroz asa. *RDX* va her kosli-i vost zatin ek rosayonn.

Khoinchem ani koslem rosayonn tem kolltolem zalear, tachi ek rit *(process)* asa. Vijneana *(science)* promannem, koslem-i dusre torechem rosayonn tantum misoll kelem zalear, tea proyogantlean tem don-ui vostumni thoddo bodol dakoyta. Zaite rong bodoltat va uzo pett'ta. Ani topaslam tem koslem rosayonn tem khunnam udexim sangunk zata. Hem rosayonn koxem topastat tem Kudov satvechea vorgant astanam xiklolo. Ani dotoraxim kamak astanam oslea vostumni to samko kir zalolo.

Hem rosayonn mobailantlean *RDX* sampddav-pachem koxem kam' kortolem aslem?

To mobail koso cholta te vixinchem tannem xikop kelem.

Mobailachea kamachi rit oxi. Ami konn-ui mon'xa kodde ulounk sodtanv to monis sonvsarachea khoinchea-i konnxak asum. Mobailavelean fon kortoch to amkam rokddoch ulounk mellta. Ak'khea sonvsarant mon'xam kodde mobail asat tancho numbor vegllo asa.

Eka mobailacho numbor don fonam khatir vaprunk zainam.

Koslea-i mobailak *signal* melltolem zalear, tem *signal* divpi tacho gopur *(tower)* zai asta. Ami mobailacher thaun fon kortanv tednam to numbor poilo tea gopurak veta. Numbor gopurak vetanam *frequency*-chea kirnnancho upyog korta. Ho gopur ti *frequency* fon khateant dhaddta. Thoimsor elektrik yontram asat. Him yontram *frequency*-in ailolo numbor topastat. Ho numbor sonvsarantlea soglea gopurank dhaddtat. Ani khoinchea gopurant tea numboracho monis ubo asta, tache kodde tuka ulounk mellta. Uprant tea mon'xacho mobail vazta, ani apnnak fon korun ulovpi sodtolea mon'xachi taka vollok mellta.

Sadea utramni sangchem zalear, TV-cho *remote* kosloch, disonam toslo som'bond nastanam TV chalu korta, tech toren ho mobail ak'khea sonvsarak ximpoddlolo asa.

Hem aplem xikop ani sôd misoll korun, Kudov ek nove torechi vostu hea sonvsarant zolmak ghalta. Ani taka 'Dhuvri' nanv dita.

'Dhuvri' mhollear kirnnam. Hi dhuvrichi kirnnam he *frequency*-int misoll zatat. Ani eka mobailar thaun soglea mobailanchea gopurank dhaddunk zatat. Mhonnche, ek mobail dusrea mon'xa kodde aslolea mobailak ak'khea sonvsarant to khoim asa to sodun kaddta, toxim he dhuvrichim kirnnam he *frequency* vangdda puray sonvsarant ximpoddtat.

Punn dhuvri mobaila bhaxen mon'xak sodinam. Tichem kam' vegllem. Tantum asloleo rosayonnik *RDX*

ani her bomb korpi vostu misoll zatoch, khunnam dakounk tacho rong bodolta. Zoso dhuvrichea kirnnancho rong bodolta, toso Kudovan toyar kelolea kompiutorar taka khunnam *(signal)* mellta. Ho kompiutor ho rong khoinche suvater bodol'la to dakoyta. Mhonnche, bomb toyar korpacheo vostu khoinche suvater asat teo dakoyta. He toren, eke suvater bosun dor zagear bomb futtpache asat va konn bomb toyar korta va gheun bhonvta tachi mahiti taka mellta.

Ho tacho sôd aichea adhunik yontranchea sonvsarant *(electronic world)* mol korunk zainam toslo. Anuskha sarkim inosent mon'xam moronam zaunk, tanchea ghorcheank tras zavpachi xoketay asa ti salvar korpachea hetunuch Kudov ho sôd fokot Anuskhak lagon kortalo.

Mumboi eka bhaddeachea gharant ravun to hi apli novi vijneanik kolponam sonvsarant haddunk vavurtalo. Hea tachea koxttank zoit mellunk sumar don vorsam laglim. Tannem kallzant thaun apnnak hea vavrak bhettoylolo dekun, hi tachim don vorsam taka don disam poros unnim dislim.

Kaidea promannem, pulis khateant bomb korpacheo vostu khoinche suvater dovorleat tachi tannem adim fuddench puray mahiti ekttaim keloli.

Times of India disalleacho apunn som'padpi mhonn sangpi tannem ek *Identity Card* kelolem. Som'padpi koso to khoinchea-i vellar hea gupit suvatancher pavtalo. Ani thoimsor aslolea sorkari mon'xachi mulakhat gheun, he zage aplea kompiutorar sugur *(mark)* korun dovortalo.

Tachi dhuvri taka soglea suvatancher asloleo vaitt vostu dakoytali. Dekun tannem adim fuddench ekttaim keloli mahiti taka faideachi asli. Kompiutorar mell'loli khunnam pulisechea tabeant aslolea vostunchi mhonn dakoyta zalear to ti nakartalo. Punn bazarant ani her zageancher, zoim lok zomeamni astalo thoim kosli-i kuru mellot zalear to rokddoch, tednachea tednam pulisek fon korun gomoytalo.

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Hi mahiti khoinchean mellta ti sodunk pulisank titlem sompem naslem. Punn Kudovan diloli khobor ekdom' sot ani sarki zatali. Ak'khea Bharotant, soglea suvatancher aslole bomb ani porjechem nisonnton korpi her vostu pulis atam he mahite vorvim sampddaytale.

Bharotak noxtt korpi vhoddle-vhoddle akantvadi ani tanche sangati pulisechea tabeant asle. Tea bhair kitleach zageancher inosent lokacho jiv vattovlolo. Khoinche-i suvater bomb zavpache aslear, va nisonntonacheo her vostu asat zalear tem Kudovak gomtalem, ani to somtoch pulisek sondex ditalo. Punn to kednach apli vollok dakoynaslo.

Jitle-i pavtti to pulisek khobor gomounk fon kortalo, title-i pavtti to veg-vegllea suvatancher aslolea *Public Call Office*-ant (PCO) thaun fon kortalo. Kiteak, ekach fonavelean porot-porot fon kelear, pulis rokddech aplea fuddeant pavtole mhonn taka khobor asli.

Sonvsarantlea sogott akantvadiancher bhiranticho kampero suttlolo. Tanchi koslich manddnni Bharot desant cholonasli. Kitem ghoddta ani tem koxem sampoddta tem kainch gomonaslem. Dekun, Bharotachea lokank aple xikar korpachem tannim soddun dilolem.

Akantvadiamni apleo manddnnio thoddea disank bond dovorleo, punn pulisecho dubav unno zaunk naslo.

Ho monis itli sogott gorjechi mahiti amkam kiteak dita? Tache fattlean tacho hetu kitem? Ani choddan chodd gorjechem mhollear, taka itli sogott mahiti mellta tori khoinchean?

Pulis Khatean ani her sorkari vhoddilancheo dor disa hea mud'deancher zomati zataleo. Zaitea pulisanchem mot to-ui ek akantvadi oxem aslem.

Kudova udexim zaitech akantvadi sampddunk pavlole. Eka pulis odhikarian oxem mot dilem, "hi khobor dita to he akantvadache pidden dukovlolo akantvadi zaum yeta. Zait ghoddie taka aplea sangateancho koslo tori bodlo gheunk zai astolo. Punn hantuntlean ek thavem zata - akantvadiam kodde tache khub laginche som'bond asat. Ami taka sampddaylear, anik-ui khub ghutt ugte zatole."

Hench karonn zaum yeta mhonn her-ui pulisank dista. Nam tor to jerul aplem nanv kollit kortolo aslo oxi tanche modem bhasabhas zali. Torui, tanche sogle prosn suttave zatole zalear, hea prosnam fattlean aslolea mon'xak aplea tabeant korop khub gorjechem aslem.

Pulis Khatean, dor prantant ek kherit pulis ofisor dhaddlolo. Tea onvollki mon'xacho fon ailo toso, tannim ti sogli khobor tabortob tea-tea prantantlea ofisorak gomounk zai asli. Uprant to ofisor, urlolea konnak ti khobor koxi dhaddunk zai to vevhar apunn samballtalo. Mumboint hea kama khatir Inspektor Vijay Despandhek nemlolo.

Hi khobor diunk dusrea prantant kelole sogle fon Mumboi thaun yetale. Khoinchean tankam fon yeta te Inspektor Despandhe vego-veg sodun kaddtalo, ani thoimsor apli fouz manddtalo. Punn Kudov tanche poros ek pavl fuddem chintalo. Dekun, to kitem korta tem chotrayen kortalo. Ani tea fon korpachea zagear pulis pavche adinch apunn nanch zatalo.

Tacho ho vavr susegad cholounk khub kottin zalolem. *Taj Hotel*-ant akantvadiancho atak zalo tednachean pulisamni dor suvater gupit kemra lavun dovorlole. Kudov jitle-i pavtti pulisek fon korunk gharantlean bhair vetalo, title-i pavtti to aplea tonddak ek lens bandun aplem tondd ordem bond kortalo.

Ek dis Kudov pulisek fon korun ani goroz ti mahiti diun aplea ghara portotalo. Pulis tea vellar, fonacher zokun aslolea kemracher konn monis fon kortalo tachem chitr kaddtale. Tonddak lens bandlolo aslo dekun tea mon'xachem mukhamoll vollkunk mellonaslem. Punn eka kemracher thaun dusrea, dusreacher thaun tisrea kemracher to monis khoinchean aila ani khoinchean gela to rosto sodun kaddlo. Ani oxem korun tachea ghara meren pavle.

Pulisen kaim mintam bhitor tea gharachea chear-ui vattamni gherav ghalo. Kudovachi nodor

pulisanchea zomeacher poddli. Tea gharantlean pollun vochunk taka anik vatt nasli.

Tannem vegim-vegim aple kopdde bodol'le. Tache nhannient varo ghunvpa khatir ek zonel aslem. Tea zonelak harxe laylole. Tannem te arxe kaddun zonel ugtem kelem. Zonelachea burkantlean eka mon'xak pasar zavpa titlo zago aslo. Punn sorbhonvtonnim pulis asle. Tannem nhannientlo *shower* chalu kelo. Tachea pondak ek baldi porti korun dovorli. Tea *shower*-antlem udok te baldiecher poddtalem, ani oxe ritin konn tori bhitor nhavta koso distalo.

Fuddlem dar matxe ugtem kelem. Vosrear tem 'dhuvri' mexin dovorlem. Ani *laptop* ugddun, apunn kam' korta oxea pozisanvan befikirin kodelir boslo.

Inspektor Despandhe aplem bonduk gheun somtoch tea gharant bhitor sorlo. Kodelar boslolo Kudov taka dislo. Inspektor Despandhen taka bonduk zoklem ani taka pulisechea tabeant za mhonn hukum' dilo.

Te sampaddunk va dhorunk aileat to monis apunn nhoi mhonn Kudovan taka somzaylo. Apunn *Times of India* disalleacho som'padpi mhonn sanglem. Ak'khea Bharotant akantvadi koxe sampoddtat te vixincho ghutt sangta mhonn apnnak hea pot'tear tea mon'xan apoyla mhonn sangun tannem tea inspektorachea kanant tel otlem. Dekun, to *laptop* ani her vostu gheun apunn tachi mulakhat gheunk aila oxem tannem apunn thoim aspachem karonn sanglem. Ani uprant tem 'dhuvri' mexin rikordd korpachi ek vost mhonn taka spoxtt kelem.

Inspektor Despandhen aplem sangnnem sot mandche khatir Kudovan aplea bolsantlem *Identity Card* kaddun taka dakoylem. Hem *Identity Card* tachea bolsant soglea vellar astalem, kiteak tea karddak lagun taka khoinchea-i sorkari suvatancher vochunk sompeponn melltalem.

Torui, aplem bonduk tacher zokun tannem tachi topasnni keli. Tacho *laptop* ani her dusreo elektrik vostu soddun, tache kodde taka dusrem koslench hatiyar mellunk nam.

"*Sir*, tumi sodtat to monis nhannient udok nhata." Kudovan Inspektor Deshpandek sanglem. Bhitor nhannient konn tori *shower*-achea udkan nhann ghetalo to avaz yetalo.

Kudovak riporttor somzun, tannem thoimsorlo vecho mhonn Inspektor Deshpanden taka khunnam keli. Tednam Kudovan aplem samon ubarlem, ani soglea pulisam fuddlean gopchup bhair sorun gelo.

Inspektor Despandhen somtench nhanniechea darar khontt marli ani dar ugoddlem. Polle zalear, bhitor *shower*-achem udok baldecher ot'talem, ani tacho avaz yetalo. Nhanniechem zonel mat ugtem aslem. To monis tankam chikan korun tech nhanniechea zonelantlea pollun gela mhonn Inspektor Despandhen odmas kelo.

Kudovan nhanniechea zonelantlean uddi marloli zalear, bhair ube aslolea pulisank to sampoddtolo aslo. Te sodtat to monis nhannient nhata mhonn Kudovan pulisek sanglem tednam sogleanchem dhean-mon te nhanniechea darar gelem. Hem soglem ghoddtanam,

kuxik ubo aslolo monis tankam vhoddlea mhotvacho naslo. Tem dar ugoddtoch ugtem zonel polleun pulis odikuch ghuspole. Hem soglem zata mhonnosor thoimsorlo nam zaunk Kudovak goroz titlo vell mell'lo. Hem oxench ghoddtolem mhonn Kudovan ekach khinnant hem chitr aple motint rochlem ani aplea chintnam promannem hi toyari manddun mekllo zal'lo.

Inspektor Despandhen thoim aslolea aplea sangati pulisank tapoyle. Tannem manddlolo paro itlo koddok aslo, tea gharantlo monis kosoch pollun vochunk pavcho naslo. Hacho orth, tanchea modlea konn ekleache chukik lagon te sodtale tea mon'xan kus marli.

Inspektor Despandhen tea gharantleo sogleo vostu artileo-portileo. Thoimsor mell'lolim bottanchim chhapam, matheache thodde kens osleo sogleo vostu mell'leo, jeo eka mon'xak vijneanik nodren parkhunk xoktat tosleo asleo.

Inspektoran tea kuddantli almar ugoddli. Kudovachea kopddeamni taka Kudov ani Anuskhachea lognacho fottu mell'lo. Fottvacher nodor poddtanch to toch, bhair mell'lolo to potracho som'padok mhonn tannem vollkolo ani aplea koplar hat marlo.

Thoddea disamni Kudov tea gharant aplea lognacho fottu sodunk ailo. Punn pulisen tea adim soglem khali kelolem.

"*Sir,* mhoje kodde tuje khatir ek gorjechi mhaiti asa." Kudovan ek dis Inspektor Deshpandhek fonar sanglem.

"Konn uloyta?" Inspektor Deshpandhen vicharlem.

"Hanv Kudov. Tumkam akantvadiam vixim mhaiti ditalo to..."

"Kudov, tum khoim thaun uloyta? Fon korunk karonn kitem?"

"Tem soglem sangtam, punn tea adim mhojeo don otti *(conditions)* asat."

"Otti? Anik kosleo?"

"Poili ott. Mhaka dhorunk yevpachem tumi soddun diunk zai. Dusri ott, zo mhojea lognacho fottu pulise lagim asa to tumi mhaka porot diunk zai. Mhojem sangnnem aikunk tum toyar nam zalear, fuddarak kednach koslich gorjechi khobor pulisek diunchonam."

Inspektor Despandhe zannam aslo, tannem diloli mahiti ekdom' sarki astali. Hea fuddem khoinchoch pulis taka sampddavpacho proyotn korchonam, ani tacho lognacho fottu taka porot kortolo mhonn inspektoran taka soput dilo.

Kudovan Inspektor Deshpandhek Bihar rajyantle eke suvatecho pot'to dilo, ani thoim bomb toyar korpacheo vostu asat mhonn sanglem. Kudovan mahiti dilolea zagear pulisamni aplea mon'xank dhaddle. Eka gharant thodde akantvadi bomb toyar kortale te tankam sampoddle.

Kudovan Inspektor Despandhek anik-ui ek gozal sangloli. Lognacho fottu khoinchea zagear dovorcho to.

Kudovan taka *Grand Hyatt Hotel*-achea *reception*-ar aplo fottu haddun dovorunk sanglem. To heach Hotelantlea eka kuddant ravtalo.

Biharant akantvadi sampoddle ti taji khobor Kudov Hotelachea kuddant *TV*-cher aikotalo. Torui tachi nodor zonelantlean Hotelachea darvonttear asli. Konn yeta ani konn veta to polletali

Itlean, Inspektor Despandhe Hotelant cholun yeta to tannem pollelo. Tache lembdde thoim lipun astolech mhonn Kudovak dubav aslo. Dekun tannem voir-khala barik nodor firoyli. Punn tannem kitem pollelolem tem, tache chimttibhor chintne fuddeant muttbhor aslem. Pulisanchim vhoddlim rondam ani *Special Task Force*-achea vangddiamni puray Hotelak gherav ghaltale te tannem pollelem.

Inspektor Despandhe aplea utrancher negar gel'lo. Tannem chovkoxi kortoch, tea fottvar aslolea rupkaracho monis teach Hotelant pennem korun asa mhonn taka khobor mell'loli. Dekunuch tannem aplea sangati pulisank thoim apoylole.

Kudovan nichev kelo, anik kednach pulisek koslich mahiti diun adar korop nam.

Vell ibaddinastanam tannem aplem rupantor kelem. Sot'tor vorsanche pirayechea dadlea sarko zannto zaloleachem dhong ghetlem.

Akantvadiank dhorpachem mexin mobaila yedem aslem. Tem mexin *laptop*-ak laytoch aplem kam' kortalem. Bhair koddok topasnni zaunchi asli. To *laptop* ani tem mexin hatant gheun gelear anik-ui goddbodd

zavpachi xoketay asli.

Tem lipounk tannem zago sodlo. Son'dasant gelo. Ani dhuvri mexin son'dasachea burkant ghalem. *Flush* oddlo. Mexin somtench fosache tankient denvlem.

Atam urlo to *laptop*. Tannem tea kuddant aslolea *Air Conditioned* mexinachem dhampnnem ugoddlem. Tantum ho *laptop* ghusoylo. Punn lipounche poilim, tantuntli sogli gorjechi mahiti ibaddli.

Uprant Hotelachea sokoilea vhoddlea vosreant gelo, ani soglim ekttovlolea modem zannteachem rup gheun ubo ravlo.

Tea Hotelantlean konnuch bhair vechonam mhonn Inspektor Despandhen hukum' dilo. Kudov tea Hotelant asa, ani az-ui apnnak naddunk to apli khell khelltoloch mhonn taka khobor asli.

Tannem topasnnecho boroch purument toyar kelolo. Bottanchim chhapam parkhupi skenor haddlo.

Atam, tea Hotelant ekttovlolea soglea lokachim bottanchim chhapam ghevpache asle. Ani kompiutorar ghalun Kudovachea gharant mell'lolea bottanchea chhapank sor zata zalear pollevpachem aslem.

Pulisamni tea Hotelacho ek-ek kudd artun-portun topaslo. Khala vosreant soglo lok ekttaim zalolo aslo. Lok pulisanche nodre khal aslo. Ani tanche modem Kudov zannteachem rup gheun aslo.

Lokachi topasnni suru zali. Zannteank, tornnateank, ostoriank ani lhan bhurgeank kuxin-kuxin korun, zonn ekleachi koddok topasnni keli.

Tanche lagim mell'loleo sogleo vostu pulisamni aplea tabeant ghetleo. Zonn ekleachea bottanchim chhapam kompiutorar ghalun, tim tea mon'xachea chhapank sor zatat zalear pollelim.

Hem soglem choltanam chear-ui vattamni *video camera* bosoylole asle. Ek-ekleachi barik chal hea kemramni rikordd zatali. Topasnni chalu asli. Tea lokam modem kaim nanvadik monis-ui hajir asle. Dekun, zanche lagim koslich vost nasli, ani zanchea bottanchim chhapam tanchea kompiutorar sor zainaslim tankam vochunk pulisamni meklleponn dilolem.

Soglea lokak topasun zalem. Pulis dhorunk ailolo monis-ui mellunk nam, nhoi mhonn tea soglea lokam modem konnacheach bottanchim chhapam kompiutorar aslolea chhapank sor zaunk nant.

Kudov tanche he koddok nodrentlean pasar zalo tori koso?

Zannteachea rupnnem korun to dusrea mon'xam vangdda topasnnek ubo ravlo. Tea Hotelachea vosreant konnxak sobe khatir dovorloli ani pettloli ek vat asli. Te vatichem menn tannem aplea hatank laylem. Tednam tachea hatanchim lokxonnam ani bottancheo mirio bodol'leo. Tachea bottanchim chhapam sken kortoch tankam tachim vegllinch chhapam mell'lim. Ani tim chhapam sor zainaslim dekun, Kudov pulisechea hatantlean koslich addkholl nastanam suttlo.

To monis tea loka modem aslo mhonn Inspektorak Despandhek vhodd dubav aslo. Ani tankam naddun to

tanche nodre add nanch zal'lo.

Thoddea disamni tea Hotelantlea kamdarank to lipoun dovorlolo *laptop* mell'lo. Tannem to pulisechea tabeant kelo. Pulis tea *laptop*-antli sogli mahiti kaddunk vavurle, punn Kudovan tantuntlem sogle dukument nopoit kelole, ani te portun mellpachi xoketay nasli. Tea *laptop*-ar udelolim bottanchim chhapam Kudovachea hatanchim, ani ti vost Kudovacheach hatantli mhonn tankam spoxtt zalem. Inspektor Despandhen Kudovacho fottu ani tachea bottanchim chhapam sorkari kendrantlean pulis thannear ani her kirmidorank sampddavpachea sonvsthamni dhaddlim.

Gõyam thaun hea bottanchea chhapam som'bondan anik-ui thottakpa sarkeo gozali Inspektor Despandhek gomun aileo.

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Az Inspektor Naikachea lognak pondra vorsancho kall bhorlolo. Tache potinniche sangnne promannem, tannem hea pondra vorsanchea kallant famili sangata ek dis, ani kirmidoram vangdda chear dis sarlole. Az tannem sutti ghetloli.

Itlean tachea ghorantlo fon vazlo.

"Hello?" Inspektor Naikan fonacho *receiver* ubarlo.

"Sir, Inspector Jerome here. And congratulations on your wedding anniversary." Dusre vatten thaun Inspektor Jerome uloylo.

"Thank you Jerome. Sang kitem khobor?"

"Tuka vhodd *surprise* asa."

"Really? Surprise ani koslo?"

"Fattlea disamni akantvadiank sampddaunk ek onvollki monis pulisek mahiti ditalo. Pulisen taka dhorpacho khub proyotn kelo. Punn to kosoch sampddunk nam. Pulise kodde tacho fottu, tachea bottanchim chhapam asat. Ani tim konnachim tim zannam tum?"

"Kudovachim," Inspektor Naikan uloytanam ul'las soddlo.

"Tuka koxem gomlem?" Inspektor Jerome.

"Hea sonvsarant mhoje ghorche dobaje pirddear korpi ekuch monis. Atam taka dhorlea bogor, mhojea gharant kosloch dobazo zaunchonam."

Inspektor Naikan fonacho *receiver* khala dovorlo, ani aple kocherint vochpachi vatt dhorli.

Inspektor Despandhen Hotelant lokak topaslole tednam thoimsor sabar kemra laylole asle. Ani jem kitem choltalem tem soglem hea *video* kemrancher rikordd zatalem. Inspektor Despandhen hi ak'khi *video tape* Inspektor Naikak dhaddloli.

"Chear dis poilim, Kudov *Grand Hyatt Hotel*-ant asa mhonn Mumboichea pulisamni thoimsor koddok topasnni keloli. Punn to tankam naddun thoimsorlo pollun gel'lo. Tea Hotelant lokak topasle tachi hi *video tape,"* Inspektor Jeromean Inspektor Naikak sanglem.

Inspektor Naikan ti *video tape* polletanch eka zanntea mon'xak bott dakoylem. Ani visvasan Inspektor Jeromeak sanglem, "ho pong ghalun zannto monis dista to Kudov."

Kudovak tea bhesant polleun to ojap zalo. Inspektor Jeromeak hem ek vichitr umannem aslem. Inspektor Naikan taka *video tape*-ir polletanch parkhilolo. Tannem taka koso vollkolo tem-ui tannem Inspektor Jeromeak somzaylem.

"Kudov sumar att'ttavis tem tis vorsanche pirayecho dadlo monis. Atam tannem rupnnem ghalun zor aplem rup bodol'lem zalear, eka tornnateachem rup gheunche poros zannteachem rup gheunk taka odik sompem. Dekun, tannem eka zannteachench rup ghetlem. To eka zannteachem rup gheta tednam apli kudd zannteponnak lagon oskot zalea oxe torechem *acting* korta."

"Punn *sir*, to zannto monis Kudovuch mhonn tuka he *tape*-int koxem gomlem?"

"Tachi chal." Inspektor Naikan sanglem.

"Mhonnche? "

"Konn-ui mon'xachi chal bariksannin pollet zalear, choltanam pāyachea talltacho fattlo bhag va fattlem hadd poilem zomnik tenkta, ani uprant fuddlim bottam asa tem ord tenkta. Eka tornnateachi ani zannteachi chal sor korit zalear, tornnato zanntea poros soddsoddit aplem pavl zomnir dovorta."

Inspektor Naikan ti *video tape* fuddem-fattim vhorun Inspektor Jeromeak, tea zanntea mon'xachi

chal dakoyli. “Polle. Hea mon’xache kuddicher don bhagamni nodor mar. Benddar thaun voilem ord ani sokoilem ord. Tachem sokoilem ord jitlem suddsuddit asa, tem tachea kuddichea voilea bhagak sobonam.” Inspektor Naikachim utram aikun Inspektor Jeromeak tache toklent asa to gineanacho sagor mhonn khatri zaloli.

“*Sir,* mhojem ekuch magnnem asa.”

“Kitem?”

“Mhoji tokli hanv tuje toklek tin pavtti apttunk sodtam. Soglem nhoi, punn tantuntlem thoddem tori ginean mhojea bejeant vetolem.”

“Tunvem him utram mhonnleant tim hanv Kudovak sangunk axelam.”

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Hi khobor atam Dil’lint gaztali. Ho monis konn ani tachea jivita vixim tankam sogli mahiti zai asli.

Kudovak thoddeach tempa bhitor dhorun tanchea fuddeant ubo kortolo mhonn Inspektor Naikan sorkari vhoddilank bhas dili. Itlim vorsam tea mon’xa fattlean khub vavurle, torui to tankam mellunk nam. Dekun, sorkari vhoddilamni tea opradiachi *file* Inspektor Naikachea hatant ghali. Ani hem misanv gupit ritin korunk ani Inspektor Naikachea utram promannem cholunk hukum’ ghalo.

Kudovache motint Pedruchim utram rigun aslim. “Hea sonvsarant konn konnacho nhoi. Sogle fokot ap-

aplo faido polletat." Pulisechea hatak sampoddlo zalear te apnnak hea vavrak inam' diunchenant, punn urfatte tacho faido ghetole ani aplem kam' zatoch apunn-ui ek akantvadi mhonn sasnnak formonn martole mhonn to zannam aslo.

Anuskha melea uprant tannem sogle duddu benkint ghalole. Pulisancho hat thoimsor pavche poilinch tannem te duddu aplea khateavelean benkintlean rikame kelole.

Az pasun tannem khub akantvadiank sampddaylole. Zaite inosent ghorabe dukachea konddant poddpache vattaylole. Hantuntlean Anuskhachea otmeak xanti melltoli mhonn to zannam aslo. Apnnem chintlolea promannem tannem tem kam' fuddem korpachem soddun dilem ani ek befikir ani sadem jivit jiyeunk nirnnoy ghetlo.

Punn pulis hat dhuvun tache fattik asle. To Bharotachea khoinchea-i konnxak aslear te taka sodun kaddtole asle.

Tor, to khoim vetolo aslo?

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Bharotant oxem ghoddta. Kudova koddchean Pulis Khateak sobdex yevpache bond zale. Lhou-lhou korun akantvadiamni apleo manddnnio porot suru keleo.

Bharotant thoddea suvatancher bomb sfott zaun sabar lok mortalo. Kaim kall xantin aslolo Bharot des atam ekuch pavtti halunk laglo. Khoinchea xarant

ghat zavpacho asa tacho vas porian yenaslo, ani pulisek-ui hi mahiti ekttaim korunk titlem sompem naslem.

Bharotantlea sorkari vhoddilanchi zomat zali. Thodde mhoine fattim tankam koxe sondex melltale ani te akantvadiank koxe sampddaytale tacher tannim bhasabhas keli. Punn sogleanchea monant atam ekuch vichar aslo. Hi mahiti atam kiteak mellonam? Teo khobro divpi monisuch atam bomb puroyta ani akantvad ximpddayta mhonn khub zannanchem mot aslem.

Kudovachi kes Inspektor Naika kodde asli dekun, soglea voilea sorkari khateamni Inspektor Naikacher taka dhorpacho prexor haddlolo, ani goroz to sohokar-ui dilolo.

Inspektor Naik-ui ekdomuch Kudovachea fattlean aslo. Bharotantlea soglea pulis thanneancher tannem Kudovacho fottu ani lagu zavpi her purave dhaddlole. To Bharotachea khoinchea-i konnxak aslear rokddoch sampoddtolo itlo khor paro Inspektor Naikan toyar kelolo.

Zaite dis chovkoxi kelea uprant, Inspektor Naikak te sodtat to monis Bharotant nam mhonn kollun ailem. Nam zalear, ghoddie tannem aplo jiv dilo zait mhonn tannem chintlem. Punn itlo darun ani huxar monis kiteak aplo jiv ditolo? Ho-ui prosn chintpa sarko aslo. Tannem soglea vimantollancher fattlea disanche dukument topasle. Polle zalear, tea nanvachea konnuch mon'xan vimanantlean proves korunk nam. Tor to gelo tori khoim?

Sumar sov mhoine sorle. Kudovak sampddavpachea kamant sorkari vhoddilancho visvas Inspektor Naikavelo unno zait vetalo. Az jivitant poilech pavtt Inspektor Naikak apunn harlo koxem dislem. To aplea ofisant ekdomuch bejar aslo. Tachea fuddlean fokot Kudov ghunvtalo. Tacho fottu aplea hatamni gheun, thoddo vell tannem tea fottvacheruch apli nodor thirayli.

Inspektor Jeromean Inspektor Naikachem chintest mukhamoll pollelem. Fattle kaim mhoine tannem Kudovak sampddaunk koxeo ratincheo rati foddleat ti taka khobor asli. Ani voilean tacher vhoddilancho prexor vaddot aslo. Tea vellar taka buzvonn diunk Jerome tachea fuddeant gelo.

"*Sir,* thoddem dis suseg ghe. Famili sangata dusrea desant bhonvddek vochun ye. Tokli matxi xant zatoli. Kam' ami polletanv, ani kosli-i gorjechi khobor aslear rokddich tuka gomoytoleanv," Inspektor Jeromean inspektor Naikak sanglem.

Inspektor Naikan apunn harlo mhonn mandun ghetlem. Kaim dis toklek-ui xanti melltoli hench yevzun Jeromachem sangnnem tannem mandun ghetlem.

"Sarkem tujem. Thodde dis famili sangata sarlear monavelo tann-ui unnem zatolo dista. Jerome ek adar kortolo?" Inspektor Naikan vicharlem.

"Sang nhoi *sir...*"

"*Passport* ofisor tumcho soiro mhonn tum mhaka sangtalo nhoi?"

"Hoi *sir.* Koslem kam' aslem?"

"Hanvem mhoje choliechi *passport* korunk diloli. Matso fon korun vegim toyar kor mhonn sangxi taka? Nam zalear amkam Bharotantunch khoinchea-i eka rajyant amchi bhonvddi korchi poddtoli."

"Jerul *sir.* Hanv taka atanch fon kortam."

Inspektor Naikachea mezar aslolea fonacho *receiver* ubarun Inspektor Jeromean *passport* ofisacho numbor laylo. Itlean Inspektor Naikan aplea hatamni fon *cut* kelo.

"Kitem zalem? Fon kiteak *disconnect* kelo *sir*? " Jeromean vicharlem.

Inspektor Naikan aplea dolleancheo askuteo voir kaddun inspektor Jeromacher ek barik nodor marli. Ani vhoddlean hansunk laglo.

"Kitem zalem. Kosli bori khobor? " Inspektor Jeromean vicharlem.

" Atam mhozo *tour* famili borabor nhoi, punn Kudova sangata zatolo."

" Kudov mell'lo *sir*? " Inspektor Jeromean ojapun vicharlem.

"*Passport* aslearuch dusrea desant vochunk zata. Ani *passport* kortolo zalear, tuje *documents* sarke asop gorjechem. Atam Kudovak aplea zolmachi tarik porian sarki khobor nam. Tea bhair, to Bharotant-ui nam. *Passport* nastanam Bharoti lokank proves korunk fokot ekuch des asa... " Inspektor Naikan sanglem.

Ani uprant tanchea tonddantlean vangddach utor bhair sorlem -

" Nepal. "



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Aple jivitache dhanvpollichem poinn kortanam, ek dis Kudovachi bhett eka Nepali gurkha kodde zaloli. Tednam tanche modem khubxeo gozali zaleo. Bharotantle sogle khuni ani akantvadi pulise pasun kus marunk Nepal vetat, ani thoinch aplo rabito korun ravtat mhonn tea gurkhan Kudovak sanglolem. Hem lokxant yetanch Kudovan-ui tea desant vochun asro gheunk tharaylem. Mumboi va Bharotant khoimsor-ui ravlear pulis apnnak soddpache nant hachi taka khatri zaloli. Dekun Mumboi thaun ag'gaddient bosun Patna-Bihar gelo ani Bihar thaun bosin Nepal gelo.

Oxe-toxe korun sov mhoine sorun gele. Nepalant Kudov bhaddeache vostik ravtalo. Mumboi thaun haddlole tache lagim duddu asle. Torui to aplo disvoddo soddounk gaddiecho mekanik koso eke garejint nokri kortalo.

Kudov Nepal desant ailolo, punn taka monachi xanti nasli. Tachea sopnant zaite pavtti Anuskha distalem. Taka konn tori apleponn dakovpi zai aslo.

To raticho kednam-i nhidtalo, zalear kednam-i ak'khi rat zago ravun roddtalo.

Ami khoro mog kortanv to monis amchea jivitant amkam unno zata tednam, tachem duk kitem tem taka kollun ailolem. Hea dukantlean bhair sorunk to khub koxttovtalo.

Ek dis sokallim uttun tannem aplea kuddachem dar ugoddlem. Zalear, ek ostori, sumar tis vorsanche pirayechi tachea darachea umbrear add poddloli tannem polleli. Ti nhidlea va thoimsor poddlea tacho Kudovak kainch odmas yenam zalo. Tannem tichea hatak dhorli ani tika uttovpacho proyotn kelo. Tachea adaran ti uttli ani matxi kuxik vochun add poddli. Tea disa thaun challintlo soglo lok bejar aslo. Ti ostori pixi asli. Sogleank te challint sotaytali. Kednam-i konnachea-i darvonttear vochun nhidtali, ani dista tache kodde jevnna khatir bhik magtali.

Kudovak tichi doyallay disli. Tannem tiche vixim thoimsorlea loka kodde vichar kelo. Ti khoinchean ailea? Tichi famil konn? Ti oslim pixeponnam kiteak korta? Oslo piso va attvoch monis khoinchea-i ganvant asta tednam, tachi khobor rokddich ganvar poddta. He ostorek zoborso konnuch vollkonaslo, punn konn eklean tachi khobor dusreak sangloli. Ani oxe toren ak'khea ganvant perganv poddlolo.

Kitloch vell bhonvlea uprant, konn eka mon'xan tiche vixim Kudovak oxi khobor sangli –

"Tichem nanv Mamta Bahadur. Katmandu thaun sumar 100 kilometr aslolea Samratpur ganvant ravpi ti bail. Ti aplea ghova sangata ek khuxal jivit jiyetali.

Tanchea ekvottak Devan ekuch dhuv diloli. Pollevpak ekdom' sundor distali. Tanchi ti dhuv vaddun sumar att vorsanche pirayechi zaloli. Ani ek dis khoim oxem ghoddlem. Tea ganvchea sarpanchachea putan tea bhurgeacher bolatkar kelo. Cheddvan thoimsoruch prann soddlo. Ragan bapuy tea cheddeak marunk gelo. Punn tea sarpanchachea bhaddeachea gunddamni taka addaylo. Punn to bapuy kosoch sanvronam zalo. Tednam tachea mon'xamni tachea bapayk jivexim marlo. Hacho porinnam' he ostorecher zalo ani tea disa thaun ti pixi zaun bhonvta."

Aplo lagincho monis unno zatoch kitem bhogta hachi Kudovak bes bori khobor asli. Haka lagun ti ostori tea vellar kosle khontint asa ti to onnbhovunk xoktalo.

Tannem tika aplea gharant vheli. Tachem ghor dhakttulench aslem. Ghor mhonnche ekuch kudd. Tantum ek khatt. Tannem tika khattir nhidunk bhixeannem toyar kelem, ani aplem hanturnn khala ghalun nhidlo.

Hi ostori apleacheo sogleo gorjecheo vostu kortali. Punn ek jivi murti koxi jiyetali. Polleunk ti sundor distali. Zaite pavtti Kudovak tiche bhitor Anuskhacho rupkar zollkhotalo. Dekun, taka tichem apleponn dislem ani tannem tika aplea gharant asro dilolo.

Kudov sokallim uttun aplea kamak vetalo, ani sanjecho porot yeta mhonnosor tika ekach zagear bosun asa ti polletalo. Oxem korun kaim dis sorun gele.

Te ostoriek polleun taka chintop ailem. Ami jea

mon'xacho chodd mog kortanv, to monis hea sonvsarant yevnkuch naslo zalear, to amche pasun pois vetoch tachem amkam duk zaunchem naslem.

Te ostoriechi poristhiti polleun to sodanch chintnamni buddlolo. Ticho kosloch guneanv nastanam az ti khastichem formonn bhogtali. Koxe-i toren he ostoriek dukachea zallantli meklli korunk to axetalo.

Hea desant taka konnuch vollkonaslo. Tachea gineanacho upyog korunk taka hanga khub meklleponn aslem. Tannem aplea bhitorlo akromik *(aggressive)* Kudov novean jivo kelo. Punn to kortolo tori kitem?

Hea sonvsarant choddxea mon'xank duk asa. Ani chodd duk fokot tanchem, zancho tim chodd mog kortat va tea khinnancho, je khinn tankam tanche sovem zalolem vaitt porot-porot ugddas kortat.

Tannem chintlem. Hem chitr va to vaitt vell zo ugddas yevn mon'xak dukant ghalta, to mon'xache motintlo nopoit korit zalear monis kednach duki zavchonam. Kiteak, dukache ugddas nopoit zatoch mon'xache motint fokot khoxeche khinn urtole, ni he godd ugddas yetoch monis sasnnak khoxal zatolo.

Ti ostori ji pixi koxi bhonvtali ti fokot aplea ghovacho ani dhuvecho ugddas kortali. Tiche motintlem tichea ghovachem ani dhuvechem chitr kaddun uddoylear, ani tiche sovem zalolo oniticho ugddas nopoit kelear, ti tanchem asnnem onnbhovunk pavchinam ani ti ostori chaltea mon'xa bhaxen vagtoli asli oxem Kudov chintalo.

Tacho hetu tachea fuddeant aslo. Tannem te

vixim sôd korunk survat keli. *Internet*-ar vochun voizuki vijneanacher *(medical science)* sogli mahiti melloyli. Mon'xacho bezo asa thoimsor soglo ugddas - vaitt va boro - ekttaim zaun bhorla. Lhanponnar mon'xak sonvsaracho unno onnbhov, chintnam astat, punn monis vaddot veta toso ho onnbhov, chintnam anik-ui vaddot vetat. Tim soglim mon'xachea bejeant vochun ekttovtat. Ani hinch chintnam mon'xak khoxi va duki kortat.

Tannem ek yontr toyar korpacho yotn kelo. Tea yontrantlean *laser* bizlechim kirnnam mon'xache toklent dhaddunk melltalim. Him kirnnam tachea bejantli sogli mahiti eka kompiutorar dakoytalim. Oxe toren, khoinche suvater koslo ugddas ekttaim zala tem kollun yetalem. He udexim heo goddio nopoit korunk zataleo.

Hem mexin toyar korunk taka ek eksuri suvat zai asli. Tannem pois eka zonglant ek kudd bhaddeak ghetlem. Ani tantum aplo proyog chalu dovorlo.

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Dusre vatten vegllench kitem ghoddlem. Inspektor Naik Nepal gelo. Nepalchea pulisam kodde ulovp kelem. Tancho sohokar maglo. Tankam Kudovacho fottu dakoylo, ani tanche udexim Kudov ravtalo to zago sodun kaddlo. To ravtale te challint gelo. Ani tachea kuddachea darar marlem.

"Yes. What do you want?" Kudovan dar ugoddlem, ani ekdomuch tachea fuddeant ubo zalo. Kudovak

polleun Inspektor Naik ekdomuch sontosan bhorlo. Ek kasador apli xikar sodun-sodun thokta ani xikar tachea fuddeant yevn poddta toslo ho Inspektor Naika khatir vell aslo. Itlim vorsam taka sotaylo, tachea fattlean dhanvddaylo ani az poilech pavtt to tachea fuddeant ubo aslo.

"Yes please, in what way can I help you?" Kudovan Inspektor Naikak vicharlem.

Inspektor Naikachean taka tednach dhorunk zatalo. Punn to ekloch asa, kai hem soglem korunk taka anik konnacho sangat aslo tachi taka matui khatri nasli. To ek onvollki monis koso vaglo.

"I have newly shifted to this locality. May I know if there is any shop here nearby?" Tannem Kudovak vicharlem.

"Here behind this lane, there is a general store." Kudovan thoinche painnintlean ek rosto laginchea posrear vetalo taka bott dakoun sanglem. Inspektor Naikan taka dhin'vaslo ani to thoimsorlo koddsorlo.

Kudov ravtalo te challint, Inspektor Naikan-ui ek kudd bhaddeak ghetlolem. Tannem tacher koddok nodor dovorli. To hanga ravunk laglear kitlo kall zalo kai? Taka konn mellunk yeta? Oxi tachea jivita vixinchi chovkoxi korunk laglo.

Tache vangdda ek pixi ostori-i ravta mhonn taka kollun ailem. Te pixe ostorechi khobor thoimsorlea thoddea lokamni taka sangloli. Ani tichea churchureank lagon Kudovan tika apnnager asro dilo mhonn taka gomlem.

Kudov kitem korta, khoim veta hem soglem Inspektor Naik dis-rat bariksannin polletalo. Kudov sokallim uttun aplea kamak garejint vetalo. Fokot ordo dis garejint vavr kortalo, ani urlolo dis tea zonglantlea kuddant sartalo. Hea kuddant to hem duk nopoit korpachem mexin toyar korunk vavurtalo.

Te pixe bailek soddun anik zoborxi mahiti Inspektorak Naikak mellunk nam. Aplea vavrak anik sompeponn mellunk Kudova kodde tannem ixttagot korop gorjechem aslem. Ek dis Kudov, te challintlean cholun yetanam tannem Inspektor Naik vhoddlean Konknni bhaxen aplea mobailar uloytanam aikolo.

"Tum Gõykar?" Kudovan tachea fuddeant vochun vicharlem.

"Hoi," Inspektor Naikan obhimanan sanglem.

Gõycho mhonn sangonam fuddem tanchea tonddar ek attvich khuxalkay utpon'n zali. Kudovan apunn-ui Gõykar mhonn taka apli vollok korun dili. Ani dog-ui Konknnintlean Gõycheo khobro ulounk lagle. Oxe toren Inspektor Naikan Kudovachem kalliz jikhun ghetlem.

Inspektor Naik apli yevzonn disan-dis bodlit aslo.

Ek dis Inspektor Naikan, apnnacho zolm' dis mhonn sangun Kudovak aplea kuddant apoylo. Gõykarancho kosloch dobazo soro nastanam sobonam. Uncha molacheo viskicheo battleo ani her dusro soro Inspektor Naikan toyar dovorlolo. Kudov kednach viski piyenaslo, punn kednam-i dusreank sangat diunk biericho ek glas piyetalo. Inspektor Naikan Kudovachea

dolleam add bierichea glasant viski misoll keli ani tea glasantlem tem pivonn Kudovak pivoylem.

Inspektor Naikan tachea hea bebdeponnacho faido gheunk taka addve-tiddve prosn kele. Punn Kudovachea tonddantlean gorjechi ek-ui khobor bhair soronasli. Kaim vella uprant, Kudovachi tokli ghunvunk lagli. Apnnak soro choddlo mhonn taka kollun ailem. Tannem Inspektor Naikak adeus kelo ani aplea kuddant vochpachi vatt dhorli.

Taka soro boroch choddlolo. To lokot-lokot aplea kuddant gelo. Kuddant ye zalear, ti ostori khattir nhidloli tannem polleli. Kudovachem-i bixeannem te khatti khala toyar aslem. Te ostoriechea rupant taka Anuskha disli. Tachem kalliz eka khinnak bodol'lem. To somtoch khattir nhidun aslole ostoriechea fuddeant gelo. Ani tichea tonddak mogan hat laylo, ani tichea voilean poddlo. Taka aplea fuddeant khorench Anuskha ubi asa koxi dislem. Anuskhan eka glasant udok ghalun taka piyeunk dilem. Udok piyelea uprant Anuskhan taka aplea gopant ghetlo ani mogacho umo dilo. Tannem-i Anuskhak ghott vengent dhorli ani khub roddlo.

Sokall zaun suryachim kirnnam gharant bhitor ailolim. Kudovan aple dolle ugoddle. Khub vell sorun gelolo. To khala, zomnir nhidlolo aslo. Ani ti ostori sodanche porim khattir asli. Soreachea nadar apnnem kainch vaitt korunk nam mhonn taka visvas aslo. Punn tachem ak'khem ang kaddamodd zatalem ani tokli usolltali. Apunn chodda tempan bier piyela mhonn tem toklek choddlam astolem oxench to somzolo.

Tachem tem mexin atam mhonnosor toyar zait

ailolem. Tannem bazarant thaun thoddim vokhdam ani her gorjecheo vostu vikteo haddleo. Inspektor Naik hem soglem polletalo.

Kudovacho koslo tori goddbodd cholta mhonn Inspektor Naikak dubav zalo. To samkoch tache fattik laglo. Tacho pattlav kortanam Inspektor Naik tachea tea zonglantlea kudda meren pavlo, punn tea kuddant kitem cholta tacho taka kosloch sumar mellonam zalo. Kiteak, tannem tem kudd oxe toren manddlolem, thoim novea mon'xak bhitor sorunk titlem sompem naslem. Tea kuddak tin daram aslim, ani tim tin-ui daram ugoddlea uprant to tankam rokddea rokddo chavi kortalo.

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Xevttim to dis ailo. Mon'xacho ugddas nopoit korpachem tachem yontr toyar zalem.

Kudov az poilech pavtt tea mexinacho proyog te pixe bailecher korpacho aslo. Toxem korunk tika tea kuddant thaun zonglantlea kuddant vhorunk zai asli. Tannem te pixe ostoriek udkant firoun nhidechim pil'lam dilim. Tika nhid lagtoch, bhair konn-ui pollet mhonn tannem tika eka sakant ghali. Ani ukhlun aplea mottorant ghali.

Inspektor Naik eke kuxik lipun hem soglem polletalo. Tannem tacho pattlav kelo.

Ek nhidloli ostori aplea vangdda gaddient asa dekun Kudov apli gaddi mannsugen choloytalo. Konn tori aplea fattlean yeta oso taka bhas zalo. Tannem

apli gaddi dusrea rostean ghunvddayli. Ani aplea fattlean yevpi tea mon'xak-ui ghuspaylo.

Inspektor Naik tąchea fattafatt aslo. Modem Kudov khoim gelo tem taka kainch somzunk nam. To tea zonglantlea kudda meren vetolo mhonn Inspektor Naikak khatri asli. Ani thoim Kudov pavche poilim apunn pavlo. Thomisor zonglant konnak disonam toxi apli gaddi dovorli. Uprant tea kudda meren cholun gelo.

Tea kuddak bhaile vatten thaun talem aslolem Inspektor Naikan pollelem. Mhonnche, to hangasor pavunk nam. Itlean taka ek gaddi tea kudda meren yetali ti te gaddiechea pettlolea diveamvelean disli. Inspektor Naik thoimsoruch jhilkuttamni liplo ani fuddem kitem ghoddtolem tachi vatt polleun ravlo.

Kudovan gaddiantlean zodd oxem kitem aslolem sak denvoylo. Kudovan to sak kuddachea dara meren ubarun vhelo. Ani dar ugddunk chavi kaddche khatir to sak tannem zomnir dovorlo. Sak khala dovortanch, tea sakantlean ek hat bhair poddlo.

Sakantlean bhair ailolo to mon'xacho hat Inspektor Naikache nodrek dislo. Tednam, tea sakant samon nhoi, punn mon'xachi kudd asa mhonn taka kollun ailem. Tannem rokddoch Kudovacher atak kelo. Fattlean thaun yevn tacher danddo marun taka khala uddoylo, ani thoimsoruch besud'dh kelo. Tache don-ui hat eka zhaddak vengoumxe kele, ani tea don-ui hatank zhadda soit beddi ghali. Kudov soirannar ailear-ui to pollun vochunk xokchonam toxe toren tannem taka dovorlolo. Inspektor Naikan vegim-vegim tea sakantli kudd bhair kaddli. Polle zalear, Kudova

vangdda ravpi ti pixi bail asli.

Ti jivi asa kai melea ti polleunk tannem ticho suskar ani hatachi nadd topasli. Tika jiv aslo. Ti fokot soiranna bhair asa mhonn tannem khatri korun ghetli.

Uprant Inspektor Naikan Kudovachea bolsantleo chavio kaddleo. Tachem tem kudd ugoddlem ani tea kuddant asloleo sogleo vostu artileo-portileo. Thoimsor aslolea tachea soglea dukumentancher nodor bhonvddaylea uprant, tacho to novo sôd koslo to taka kollun ailo. Hi tachi toyari polleun, az to te ostoriecher ho proyog korpacho aslo mhonn taka thavem zalem.

Kudovacho to proyog sufoll zatolo mhonn Inspektor Naikak visvas aslo, punn ek sorkari monis koso to dusrea mon'xachem jivit sonkoxttant ghalunk kosoch toyar naslo.

Itlean bhair beddi ghalolo Kudov sintidant ailo. "Konn thoimsor?" Kudovan boball kelo. Tednam Inspektor Naik bhair ailo ani tachea fuddeant ubo ravlo.

"Tum hanga kiteak, ani tum konn?" Kudovan Inspektor Naikak vicharlem.

Inspektor Naikan taka apunn konn, ani kitem sot tem soglem spoxtt kelem.

"Polle Kudov. Ho tuzo sôd kitem to mhaka gomlo, ani te khatir tuka mhoji vhodd xabaski. Kiteak, jem kitem sonvsarant dusream kodde korunk zainam tem korunk tum vavurloi. Ani tem-ui zalear mon'xachea boreponna khatir! Punn hanv kitem korum? Hanv ek sorkari monis ani tuka sampddavop hem mhojem

karya. Tuka atam hanv dhorun Gõyant vhortam." Inspektor Naikan Kudovak sanglem, ani uprant aplea adara khatir Nepalchea pulisank fon korun apoyle.

"Hanv tuje vangdda tum mhaka vhorta thoim yevnk toyar asam. Punn tea adim tuje kodde mhojem ek magnnem asa. Mhaka ho mhozo sôd konnakuch porgott zalolo naka. Konn-ui hanga pavche poilim hea kuddak uzo lay." Kudovan Inspektor Naikak sanglem.

Inspektor Naik promannik monis aslo. Oslo sôd nisonnton korpi mon'xachea hatant poddlear tacho khub durupyog zaum yetalo. Chaltea mon'xache toklentlo boro ugddas pusun kaddun taka koddu khinnancho bolli korun taka raga-vagacho monis korunk zatalo. Ani oxe toren hea yontracho urfatto upyog zaunk xoktalo. Tachem tem kudd lasun uddovpachem magnnem Inspektor Naikan mandun ghetlem. Tannem tea kuddak uzo laylo ani tacho bhosm' kelo.

Title mhonnosor thoim Nepali pulis aile ani Kudovak vhorunk Inspektor Naikak mozot keli.

Khoinchea-i guneanvkariak jednam dusrea desant dhortat, tednam taka khastichem formonn fokot toch des diunk xokta, jea desa add tannem guneanv kela. Tea guneanvkariak tachea maim desant haddtolo zalear tacho puray itihas tea desachea Pulis Khateak diuncho poddta. Kiteak, oxem kelear tea desachea pulisank vhoddponn ani xabaski mellta. Tea bhair, tanchea hea sohokarak lagun don-ui desam bhitor ixttagotichem natem ghott zaunk pavta.

CBI Inspetor Naikan Kudovachem ak'khem jivit

eke *file*-int ghalun Nepalchea pulisam mukhar dovorlem. Tannem Nepal desant kainch vaitt korunk naslem dekun, thoimsorlea Pulis Khatean taka Bharotant vhorunk maneotay diloli. Nepal desantlea potrokaramni Kudovachem jivit khobram-potrancher chhaplem. Nepalchea khobram-potrancher chhaplolem Bharotant pavunk vell lagta? Ak'khea Bharot desant Kudovachi khobor vell laynastanam posorli.

Khobram-potrancher ani TV-cher Inspektor Naikan vhoddantlea vhodd mon'xak sampddaylo mhonn gazlem. Poilech pavtt oslo monis sampoddlolo, potrokarank to guneanvkari kai lokanchea borea khatir vavurpi hench gomonasle. Eka potracher oso mathallo chhapun ailolo – "Udkacho poiso korpi, sonvsarantleo her pidda bori korpi ani Bharotant xanti haddpi."

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Inspetor Naik Kudovak gheun vimanan Gõyam yevnk bhair sorpache toyaren aslo. Ratchea att vorancho vell. Hea vellar viman suttpachem aslem. Dogaimni vimanant apli boska ghetli.

Viman-sevika *(airhostess)* soglea surokxit suvidanchem nivedon kortali. Viman cholovpi pilottan jahir kelem –

"This is your Captain John Smith and along with me is Captain Carlton Fonseca. We will be travelling from Nepal to Goa and we shall cover the journey in two hours. Thank you."

Carlton Fonsecachem nanv aikotanch Inspektor Naik urben bhorlo. Carlton ani Inspektor Naik kolejint laginche ixtt. Eklo vimanacho pilott zalo, dusro *CBI* Khateant bhitor sorlo. Carlton kednam-i khobor gheunk Inspektor Naikak fon kortalo. Punn sumar panch vorsam zalim, kamam fuddeant ekamekak bhettunk vellan porvangi diunk nasli. Carltonak zap korunk Inspektor Naikak ho ek boro soeg aslo.

Sogleamni aple boskeche pott'tte benddak bandlole. Viman Nepal vimantollavelean voir choddtalem. Kudov zonelantlean ontrollar aslolea noketrank polletalo ani aplea dolleancher amurpiko hanso zollkhaytalo.

"Kednam tori vimanant bosla?" Inspektor Naikan Kudovak vicharlem.

" Nam. Az poilech pavtt boslam. Dekun tuka Dev borem korum."

"Tuka Devan itlem huxar ginean dilam. Tea bhair tuje kodde zaito duddu aslo. Kednach tuka oxem disunk nam, he duddu folgank ogddaun ek moujechem jivit sarchem mhonn? "

"Hanv lhan astanam, mhozo sonvsar don vellanchea jevnnak padiser zala. Don vellanchem dhados jevonn jevunk mell'lear puro. Hache poros mhaka anik vhoddli axea nam. "

"Toxem zalear, tunvem hem soglem kiteak kelem?"

"Kallzant thaun ek avaz aikunk ailo. Ani teach avazachea surar hem soglem korunk pavlom. "

Inspektor Naik atam fuddlo ek mhotvacho prosn vicharunk vetalo. Tannem khoddegantt avazan tache kodde vicharlem -“ tujea jivitacher niyall kelear, he sogle ovixkar *(inventions)* tunvem eklean keleat mhonn sot mandunk mhaka augodd lagta. ”

“Ho kallzacho ani gineanacho zo vichitr som’bond asa nhoi, tacho thav az porian konnacheanuch gheunk zaunk nam. Jitlea-i mon’xamni kallza khatir gineanacho vapor promannikponnan kela, tannim sonvsar jikhla. Dekun, monantlim chintnam kallzachi bhavna korunk favonam, punn kallzantli bhavna monantli chinta korchi. Tednach rochtolo Dev zoitacho rosto toyar korta.”

Inspektor Naikachea monant khub prosn asle. Eka fattlean ek korun to zannam zaunk sodtalo.

“Inspektor Naik polle. Tunvem mhaka dhorlo ani tuzo kaido kelo. Amchi soirigot itleacheruch urum di. Mhojea jivita vixim odik gozal zannam zaunk tuka kosloch odhikar nam, ” Kudovan oxem sangun Inspektor Naikachem tondd bond kelem.

Vimanache boske fattlean vachunk dovorlolem masik Kudovan aplea hatant ghetlem. Tem polleun, Inspektor Naikan-ui ek disallem vachunk suru kelem.

Khobram-potracher ek khobor asli. Att dis fattim Andaman ani Nikobar zunvear ek jvalamukhi *(volcano)* ugto zalo, ani sorbhonvtim tacho dhunvor ximpoddlo. Ho dhunvor varear uddtolea vimanak mal ani taka lagun viman obghatak sampddunk xoktalem. Az soglem nitoll aslem ani vimantollachea odhikariamni

vimanam chalu korunk hukum' dilolo.

Inspektor Naikan hi khobor vachtoch, to aplea desachea odhikariank xinnunk laglo. Kaim dis fattim hi xiddkavnni mell'lea astanam-i amchea desant vimanam bond naslim. Chukon koslo-i obsoeg ghoddlolo zalear, amche serkari vhoddil dusrem koslem-i nib sangun aple hat dhutole asle. Hea vellar tea jvalamukhichi khobor potrar chhapun ailea tantum kitlem sot asa kai? Khorench, ontrollar vimanam cholounk surokxit? He prosn he khobre sangata Inspektor Naika mukhar ghunvtale. Tannem tem potr vachpachem bond kelem.

Viman voir ontrollavelean choltalem. Viman-seviken atam provaxiamni apli boskechi pott'tti soddounk zata mhonn jahir kelem. Inspektor Naikak Kudovak anik prosn korunk naka aslo. To aple boskevelo uttlo ani pilottachea kebinaxim Carltonak zap korunk gelo.

Apunn Carltonacho ixtt ani apunn taka mellunk sodta mhonn Inspektor Naikan eke viman-sevike koddchean Carltonak rekad dhaddlo. Inspektor Naikacho sondex mellonam fuddem Carlton kebina bhair ailo. Inspektor Naikak ghott veng marli. Dogaimni ekamekache saude-bholaikechi khobor ghetli. Carltonan taka aplea kebinant bhitor vhelo, ani aplea fuddeant bosoylo.

Carltona borabor anik ek pilott aslo to John Smith. To ek inglez pilott. Carltonan taka aplea ixttachi vollok korun dili. *"Smith, this is Naik my college buddy, and Naik this is Smith my colleague onboard. "*

Dogaimni kolejintleo aileo-poileo khobro suru keleo. Punn Inspektor Naikacho sintid mat Carltonachea khobrancher naslo. Tea kebinant bosun sonvsarachem rup vegllench distalem. Voir ani khala soglim kupam aslim. Tea bhair kaim noketram zhogzhogtalim. Tem viman kupam chirun vetalem. Jitle-i pavtti kupantlean tem viman vetalem, title-i pavtti Inspektor Naik tea kupamni kitem asa tench polleunk uchamboll zatalo. Konn-ui kosli-i kolponam niyallta tednam kupam, noketrancho aspav korta ani onnbhovta. Dekun ho dekavo aplea khud dolleamni polletanam, Inspektor Naikak he khinn bhangarachea utramni korantun dovorpa sarke distale.

Sumar pondram mintam pasar zalolim. Smithan ragan Inspektor Naikacher nodor bhonvddayli.

Konn-ui to vimanacho pilott zaum. Konn-ui chalto monis tachea kebinant yevn bosot zalear taka rag yetach. Kiteak, chukon tea mon'xacho hat khoinchea-i bott'tonak laglo zalear ekach khinnant obghat zaunk xokta.

Inspektor Naikan tachi hi xittuk nodor justuch vollkoli. Tannem Carltonak magir mellche mhonn sanglem, ani thoimsorli kus marli. Uprant aple bosker gelo. Polle zalear, Kudov sust jhemen bhormetalo.

Nepalak thaun Gõyam yevnk sumar don voram lagtat. Punn atam tin voram sorlim, torui viman voir ontrollaruch choltalem.

Sumar don'xim poinnari tea vimanant Nepal thaun Gõyam yevpache vatter asle. Unnech ek hor odik sorun gelolem. Provaxi kednam Gõyam pavtolim

hench porot-porot vicharun viman-sevikank sotaytalim. Dekun, tannim thoinchean yevpa-vochpachem bond kelem.

Koslo tori goddbodd zala, Inspektor Naikak dubav poddlo. Itlean eklo provaxi zobordostin pilottachea kebina meren gelo. Ani tache fattafatt Inspektor Naik gelo. Apnnak pilottak mellunk zai mhonn pilottachea kebina bhair ravun viman-sevike kodde uzot korunk laglo. Smith bhair ailo.

"What the hell is going on? It has been three hours we are flying. How long?" Tea provaxian ragabhorit zaun vicharlem.

"Sir, we have a problem in our Navigation system. We are not able to make any contact on ground. We don't know where we are flying. Now our life is in God's hand," Smithan sanglem.

Him utram aikun to provaxi thoimsoruch ghott zalo. Tachea ani Inspektor Naikache matheavelean gham' denvlo. Inspektor Naik ogeponnan aple suvater portolo. Ragabhorit zaun pilottak prosn kortalo to provaxi porot zagear yetanam, eke ostorien taka pilottan kitem sanglam tem vicharlem. Tannem tika tea pilottan sangloli khobor sangli, ani he toren ti khobor vimanantlea sogleach provaxianchea kanar sadovli.

Tea vimanant margdorxon divpi soglinch yontram bond poddlolim. Voir astanam khala zomnir khobor divpi koslench elektronik hatiyar cholonaslem. Zomnir tancho kosloch sompork naslo. Tem viman sonvsarantlea soglea kompiutoramvelem nam zalolem.

Jitle-i pavtti vimanacho pilott viman khala vhortalo, title-i pavtti tankam orixtt somdir distalo. Zomin matui disonasli. Zomin zollkholi zalear-ui, viman denvounk zaunchem naslem, kiteak tea ratchea kallokant zomnicho sumar mellonaslo. Apnna kodde anik don voram asat mhonn pilottak khobor asli. Don voram uprant petrol kabar zatoch, viman obghatak sampoddtolem hantum atam il'lo-i dubav urunk naslo.

Vimanacher aslolea sogleancheruch kampero suttlolo. Moronn tanchea hatache talltar aslem. Anik thoddeach vellan moronn tankam vengoytolem hench chintun lokachim kallzam dhodd'dhoddtalim. Lhan supurlim bhurgim ani tea bhair ostorio tea vimanant asleo. Ho tancho nimanno vell aslo, ani tim soglim Devak magnnim kortalim.

Kudov aple sust nhident aslo. Lokacho boball aikun taka zag aili. Tachi nodor Inspektor Naikachea chintest mukhamollacher poddli.

"Kitem zalem Inspektor Naik? Tujea tonddar itli bhirant kiteak?" Kudovan vicharlem.

"Viman obghatak sampoddpachem asa. Margdorxon korpi koslench yontr cholonam. Ami khoim vetanv tem kainch gomonam. Pilottan don pavtti viman sokol denvounk proyotn kelo. Punn khala fokot somdir dista. Zomin disonam. Ani zomin disli zalear-ui viman surokxit ritin denvounk zaunchem nam. Ami soglim morpachim asanv," Inspektor Naikan sanglem.

"Tujem moronn polleun tum itlo bhiyelo?" Kudovan Inspektor Naikak vicharlem.

"Hanv morunk bhiyenam. Hea lhan bhurgeak polle, hea mon'xak polle... tanchi famil tankam Gõyant vimantollar axeun ravlea. Hea inosent lokachem chintun hanv odik khotint asam," Inspektor Naikan tapon zobab dilo.

Kudovan fattlean vollun pollelem. Soglea lokanchea tonddar kampero suttlolo. Soglim Devak rozar kortalim. Taka tanche churchure distale.

"Mhojean sogleank vattaunk zata. Tankam sarkim tanche familixim pavounk zata," lhou avazan tannem Inspektor Naikak sanglem. Tem aikun Inspektor Naikachi tiddok mostokak marli.

"Tum kitem choltea vimanachem injin kaddun tem sarkem kortolo? Tokli virar korum naka." Tannem ragabhorit avazan mhonnlem.

"Jem kitem-i mogan korunk zata, tem zhuzantlean legit korunk zainam." Kudovan khaltea avazan sanglem. Inspektor Naik kitench aikun ghevpache poristhitent naslo. Inspektor Naikak somzavop aplea hata bhair asa mhonn Kudovak somzolem.

"Borem tor, *CBI* Inspektor Naik. Somtech sorgar mellche," Kudov aple bosker sarko boslo, ani aple dolle dhample.

Inspektor Naikak Kudovachea jivitachi zannvay asli tantuntlean tannem ek gozal onnbhovloli. Kudovan aplea jivitant ji vost hatant ghetlea, tichem zoit zalanch. Hea vellar tache toklent kitem tori astolem, zache vorvim, tea vimanant aslolea sogleank to

vattaunk xoktalo oxem taka distalem. Dekunuch to itlea atm-visvasan uloytalo.

"Borem tor, tujea monant kitem asa tem mhaka sang." Inspektor Naikan mhonnlem.

"Toklent asa mhoje. Tuka kiteak sangum? Tum mhaka vimanachea pilottaxim vhor." Kudovan sanglem. Kudovak gheun Inspektor Naik vimanachea pilottaxim gelo.

"Mhaka dista ho monis amkam adar korunk xokta." Inspektor Naikan Carltonak sanglem.

"Smith, he says he can help us," Carltonan Smithak sanglem.

"Is he an aeronautic engineer?" Smithan vicharlem.

"No sir. I am seventh fail," Kudovan zap dili. Tachi zap aikun Smithachi tiddok toklek choddli. Carltonan-ui Inspektor Naikacher ragachi nodor marli.

"What the hell are you speaking. Get out from here." Smith ragan uloylo.

"Sir, I have some special set of skills and I am confident that I can make a safe landing at your intended area," Kudovan sanglem.

Oslem kitem aslem hea mon'xa bhitor, jem tanchea itlea vorsanchea onnbhovant naslem? Te pilott chintunk poddle. Tanche kodde anik upay naslo. Vell sortalo toso vimanantlem petrol sompot vetalem.

"Borem tor. Tum amkam surokxit koso pavoytolo?" Carltonan Kudovak vicharlem.

"Hanvem noketram vixinchem xikop kelam. Ami taka noketranchi vidia *(astronomy)* mhonntanv. Him noketram kalla promannem aplo zago bodoltat, ani porot toch kall yetoch porot aplea zagear ontrollar distat. Tim polleunk eksarkim distat, punn soglim noketram attvea akaran zomeamni manddlolim asat. Mhaka hea noketranchem rup vachunk kollta. Ani he toren tanchem margdorxon gheun ami amcho rosto sodun kaddunk zata," Kudovan aplea gineanacho uzvadd tanche mukhar fankarlo.

Khorench, Kudovachea utramni tankam vattavpachem boll aslem? Sogleank sot mandunk kottin lagtalem. Tannem az hem korun dakoyt zalear, khorench Devan tachem noxib diamantichea okxoramni boroylam mhonnchem poddtolem, oxem Inspektor Naik tea vellar chintalo.

Carltonan Smithak inglezintlean Kudovachea utranchi somzonni dili. Tannem Kudovak porvangi dili. Tea kebinant sonvsaracho nokso *(map)* aslo. Kudovan to hatant ghetlo. Pilottache kuxik boslo. Tannem pilottak viman voir vhorunk sanglem. Ontrollavelim noketram spoxtt distalim.

Viman ontrollar pavlea uprant, Kudovan sorbhonvtim aslolea noketrancher ek nodor bhonvddayli. Uprant vimanachea pilottak viman ghunvddaunk sanglem.

"Ontrollar itlim sogott noketram asat. Ani tim soglim eksarkim distat. Torui khoinchem noketr koslem tem tum koso vollkotolo?" Okosmat Carltonan Kudova kodde vicharlem.

“Him ontrollar dispi noketram veg-vegllea zomeamni manddlolim asat. Hea noketrancho ek-ek zomo veg-veglli khunna dakoyta. Dekik, voir tum noketranchea zomeank pollexi zalear, bara raxi asat tanche akar tuka disti poddtole. Va her akar zoxe porim goddeachem rup, dhonux-bhalo, oxe zaite torechea attvea akaramni him noketram zomeamni tharlolim asat. Ani he tanche akaranche nixannevelean ami tankam parkhunk xoktanv,” Kudovan sanglem.

Viman ghunvddaylea uprant taka pois ek porzollit noketr dislem. Tannem tea noketrak bott dakoun sanglem, “hem tem dista tea noketrak ami *Pole Star* va Dhruv Noketr mhonntanv. Hem Noketr ut’tore vatten asa, ani sonvsarachea khoinchea-i konnxak ravun disti poddta. Tache eke vatten panch noketrancho zomo dista. Panch-ui noketranchi voll kaddun melloyt zalear, ti inglez okxor ‘W’ zatolem. Hea zomeank ami *Cassiopia* mhonntanv. Amchem viman samkem *Pole Star*-a samkar ubem kor. He vorvim ami Ut’toreche vatten ubim asanv mhonn kolltolem.”

Hem soglem jem Kudov sangtalo, tem Carltonan Smithak somzaylem, ani Kudovan sanglam toxench tannem tem viman tea noketrak fuddo zata toxem ubem kelem.

Kudovan aplea hatant aslolea sonvsarachea nokaxear nodor marli, ani dog-ui pilottank te samke ut’tore vatten ube asat mhonn somzaylem. Mhonnche, tanche uzve vatten ostomt asli ani dave vatten udent asli. Toxench, fattlean dokxinn asli. Atam taka sonvsaracheo chear-ui dixea thaveo zaloleo.

Kudovan dog-ui pilottank ontrollar dispi eka-eka noketrachea zomea vixim zannvay dili, ani te khoinchea zagear pavleat tem spoxtt kelem.

"Ho to zaitea noketrancho zomo dista taka ami *Orion Constellation* mhonntanv. Tantum modemkot tin noketramni keloli voll ostomtek ani udentik khoinchean vochunk zai tem amkam thavi korta. Hea zomeantlem porzollit noketr dista tache nanv *Betelgeuse*," Kudov eka noketrachea zomeak bott dakoun sanglem.

"Hanga thaun amkam Bharot des melltolo zalear ami dave vatten va udentik vochunk zai. Mhonnche, *Orion* zomeantlea *Betelgeuse* noketrak dhorun tachea fuddlean dispi noketrachi ek ubi voll kor. Ani tea promannem viman choloy," tannem fuddem sanglem.

Kudovan sanglem toxench pilottan viman ghunvddaylem. Tachea hatant aslolea nokaxear tannem ek voll marli, ani te koxe vetat tacho odmas dog-ui pilottank dakoylo. Ani oxe noketrachem margdorxon gheun, rosto sodit tannem vimanachea pilottank viman cholounk laylem.

Kudovan tankam sarke Bharotant haddle. Noketrancho anik ek zomo dakoun mhonnlem, "ho zomo zo rozarachem kont koso dista, taka ami ...."

Itlean tachea dolleantlean dukham vhanvlim. Koslea tori ugddasan to xirkola mhonn Inspektor Naikak thavem zalem. Tea zomeantlea eka porzollit noketrak bott dakoun tannem sanglem, "hem tem porzollpi noktr dista ti mhoji maim."

Inspektor Naik ani Carlton tachim him utram aikun thottakle.

"Hanga thaun atam viman khala denvoy," Kudovan sanglem.

"Punn ami anik khala vochot zalear amchea samkar aslolim noketram amkam spoxtt ritin disunk kottin zatolem," Carltonan sanglem.

"Bhiyeum naka. Hanv tumkam khuxalkayechem noketr dakoytam," Kudovan atm-visvasan zobab dilo.

Tache sangnne promannem pilottan viman sokol denvoylem. Viman zoxem khala denvunk laglem, toxe vimantollache dive bhigbhigtale te Smithan vollkole.

"There's an airport below," tannem sontosacho hanso tonddar haddun mhonnlem.

"It could be an airport for you, but for me it's a star and we call it Goa," Kudovan obhimanan sanglem.

Dogainchea-i dolleantlean khoxechim dukham goll'lim. Konnench bhiyevpachi goroz nam mhonn Smithan jahir kelem, ani soglim surokxit ritin Gõychea vimantollar denvchim asat mhonn kollit kelem.

Voir viman ghunvta tem polleun, vimantollachea karbhariank tem viman akantak sampoddlam ani *emergency landing* korunk sodta mhonn khunnam mell'li. Tannim vimantollacho rosto mekllo kelo.

Pilottan Gõychea vimantollar viman denvoylem. Viman surokxit ritin vimantollar thamblem. Carltonan Kudovak kebinantlo bhair haddlo. Soglea loka fuddeant

ubo kelo ani sanglem, "hea mon'xan az amkam salvar keleant. Ubim ravun taka salam' korum-ia."

Inspektor Naik anik kitem mhonntolo? Taka xabaski ditolo va niti mukhar ubo kortolo? Taka kainch somzonam zalem.

"Tuji addkholl nam zalear kitem vicharunk sodtam." Vimanantlean khala devtanam Inspektor Naikan Kudovak mhonnlem.

"Tunvem mhaka dhorla. Porvangi kiteak magtai? Vichar." Kudovan sanglem.

" Tunvem tem noketranchem xikop kiteak kelem?" Inspektor Naikan vicharlem.

"Hanv lhanuch astanam mhoji maim sompli. Paik tor mhojem kednach poddun vochunk naslem. Fokot ganvcho padri vigar mhoji apurbay kortalo. Jednam mhaka mhoje maincho ugddas yetalo, tednam hanv ganvchea padri vigaraxim vetalom, ani mhoji maim mhaka kiteak soddun gelea kai mhonn vichartalom. Ti mhaka soddun vochunk nam mhonn to mhaka sangtalo. Punn voir ek noketr zalam. Ani ontrollar noketram vorvim, rozarachea zomeantlea eka porzollit noketrak bott dakoun "ti tuji maim" mhonn sangtalo. Mhoje maim sorxim pavunk mhaka zaitem pixem aslem. Dekun, jitlim-i noketram vixinchim mhaka pustokam melltalim, titlim-i hanv vachtalom. Ani xevttim, padri vigar mhaka jem kitem sangtalo ti fokot ek kanni mhonn kollun ailem." Kudovan sangun sompoylem.

"Khorench, tem noketr tuji maim." Inspektor

Naikan taka khatri dili.

Gõyam vimantollar Kudovak vhorunk pulisechem rond toyar aslem. Tea bhair, puskoll lokanchi urponz asli. Pulisamni taka surokxit ritin aple gaddient bosoun pulis gharant vhelo.

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Kudov pulisanchea tabeant aslo khoro, punn taka bhettunk dispottim vhoddle-vhoddle monis yetale.

Taka bhettunk yevpiam modem bhailea desantlea dotorancho aspav aslo. Tem vokhod tannem koxem toyar kelem, tacho ghutt kitem to te zannam zaunk sodtale. Tanche fattlean vhoddle-vhoddle komponinche dhoni ani tanche izner yevn gele. Udkacher cholpi gaddianchem ojap te zannam zaunk axelole. Ani xevttim, ak'khea Bharotantle vhodd *CBI* toxench *ATS* odhikari taka ti akantvadianchi sogott mahiti koxi melltali ti zannam zaunk sodtale.

Punn Kudov zannam aslo, tachea fuddeant ube ravlole sogle monis apsvarthi asle. Ani hea motlobi sonvsarant fokot aplea khatir jiyetat. Tannem konnakuch kainch sangunk nam.

Ek dis taka tanchea motdarsonghacho montri mellunk ailo.

"Baba koso asa?" Montrian taka zapaylo. Kudov aploch lagincho monis zalolea porim montrian taka veng marli. Kudov chintukuch urlo.

"Mhaka vollkota?" Montrian taka vicharlem.

" Nam. Kednach polleunk nam."

" Hanv tumchea motdarsonghacho amdar, montri Shettio. Tuzo zolm' mhojea motdarsonghant zala. Hanvem ganvant ghalolea iskolacho foll mhaka az mell'lo. Tumchea sarkea xikpi tornnateamni tacho faido kaddlo, ani az itle voir pavle."

Him utram aikun thoinch kuxin ube aslole kaim pulis hansunk lagle.

"Tum Juanvacho cholo mu?" Montrian vicharlem.

"Tum mhojea paik vollkota?"

" Vollkota mhonnche? Ami dog-ui samke ghott ixtt asle. Ekdom' bhangar monis aslo to. Kednach konnachem vaitt korpi naslo. To melo tednam mhaka khub duk zali. Tednam hanv Dil'li aslom dekun tachea interak yevnk zaunk nam."

"To boro monis naslo. Bebdo aslo, sogleank tras kortalo. Kamachi khobor uloy montri bab." Kudovan mottea avazan taka aplea mud'dear yevnk formaylem.

Montri Shettiachea tonddacho rong bodol'lo. Apli fulam mallpachi tora atam upkarchi nam mhonn taka kollun ailem. To somtoch aplea zatir ailo.

"Hanv tuka ek bori khobor gheun ailam. Aichea tempar duddu sogleam kodde asat. Punn saude nam zalear duddu kiteak? Haka lagon, lok aplea duensancher kruttamni khorch korta. Kaim Amerikan dotor mhaka mellunk ailole. Tunvem tem vokhod koxem toyar kelam tem dakoyt zalear apunn tuka duddvamni nhannounk toyar asat mhonn sanglam."

“Ani mhojea vangdda tuka-i nhoi?” Kudovan vell ibaddinastanam mhonnlem.

Jednam ek monis montri zata, tednam to bara-i bãynchem udok piyeta. Khoinchem-i kam’ salam’ korun zainam zalear, tem khontt marun korun gheunchem poddta mhonn te zannant.

“Tujea mathear sabar arop asat. Hanv sangtam tem tum aikoxi zalear, mhojean tuka inosent mhonn dakounk zata,” montrian Kudovak sanglem.

“Az tujea sarkea mon’xamni amcho des nagoun khala. Zoso tum az mhaka vikto gheunk aila, toxe kitlech akantvadi amchea montriank mellunk yetat. Tankam duddvamni nhannoytat; dekunuch sogleak akantvad mat’ta. Hanv mortolom, punn tumche sarke monis jive asomsor kednach konnak kainch sangchonam,” Kudovan soroll sanglem.

“Hea sorkarant Ghor Montriachi podvi mhoje kodde asa. Tujer khastichem khor formonn marunk desantlo nanvosto advogad hanv tuje add ubo kortolom,” montrian nettan sanglem, ani thoimsorlo koddsorlo.

Tea chear vonttimni bond kela astanam-i tachi kes apunn fukott zhogddunk toyar asat mhonn khubxe advogad tachea fuddeant yetale. Punn to konnuch advogadak apli kes zhogddunk porvangi dinaslo. Advogadponnachem xikop korunk goroz aslolim pustokam apnnak haddun diunchim mhonn tannem aplea borem magpiank sanglolem.



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Kudovak pulisen aplea tabeant kelear don mhoine pasar zale. Hea don mhoineam bhitor taka khub prosid'dhi mell'li. To khoinche suvater zolmola, tachem moddlolem ghor, tacho ganv hem soglem porot-porot *TV*-cher dakoytale. Tachea xezariam- samariancheo-i mulakhati ghetale. Atam tea ganvcho montri, zo taka bondkhonnint mellunk ailolo, to tor nettan *TV*-cher mulakhat diun sangtalo – "hanvem taka hea mhojea hatamni dhaktto astanam khelloyla. Ani to ek dis vhoddlo monis zatolo mhonn hanvem bhakit kelolem." Montri lok koxe ani kitem uloytat tem ganvcho soglo lok zannam aslo, punn Bharotachi urloli porza khoim zannam asli?

Az Kudovak niti-ghora mukhar ubo korpacho dis aslo. Az korttant tachi kes asa mhonn puray desant khobor posorloli. Korttachea nikalachi sogleankuch umollxik lagloli. Dekun, zaitim zannam *TV* fuddeant mandd ghalun boslolim.

Kudovak pulisechea gaddien korttant haddlo. Bhailean lokancheo urponji asleo. Tankam addaunk

pulisamni khor tabo dovorlolo. Kudov korttache panvdde choddtanam eklo dadlo modench mukhar ailo.

"Baba, hanv tumcho xezari, Bosteanv. Eka kallar tunvem mhojea putak, Raymondak tea voxachea duensantlo vattaylolo. Az tuka eka chorak dhorun haddtat te bhaxen dhorun haddla. Punn tum amkam vattavpi, Devan dhaddlolo amcho soddvonndar. Ami sogle tuje borabor asanv," Bosteanvan Kudovak dhir dilo.

Tachim utram aikun Kudovachea dolleant dukham bhorlim. Bhorlolea dolleamni to taka osoch hanslo, ani cholun mukhar gelo.

Kudov aple lhan pirayer, konn-ui aplea sovem apleponn dakoyt kai mhonn axeun ravtalo. Punn az ak'kho ganv tache khatir aplo jiv tyag korunk toyar aslo. Ak'khea desacho lok tache fattlean ubo aslo.

Zaite pavtti oxem ghoddta. Amchea fuddeant mhan monis asta, punn tachea fattlea jivitak lagon ami taka kikont kortanv. Ani teach mon'xacho valor gomtoch, ami jiv porian diunk toyar zatanv. Punn hea vellar Kudovak tacho koslo faido? Jea vellar taka goroz asli tednam taka konnench mandun gheunk nam.

Vhodda obhimanan ani gorvan apli man voir korun to korttant bhitor sorlo. Korttant vhodd monis zomlole asle. Dotor, sorkari monis, Bharotache *Anti-Terrorist Squad*-ache *(ATS)* odhikari toxench her-ui lok hajir aslo.

Az poilech pavtt zuiza mukhar osli kes haddloli, jea opradiak kheast favo korop mhollear monisponnachea kaidea add aslem, ani suttka divop

mhollear sorkari kaidea add aslem. Thodde bosun zalear thodde niti-ghorant zago mellta te bhaxen ube asle.

Thoddea vellan zuiz bhitor sorlo. Taka man diunk sogle ube ravle. Zuizan apli boska ghetli. Kudovak sakxidarachea pinzreant ubo kelo.

"Az hanga ubo asa to Solomon Alvares. Tor Solomon tuzo advogad konn? " Zuizan Kudovak prosn kelo.

"*Sir,* az poilech pavtt hanv hanga korttant ubo asam. Ani tumi ucharlam tem mhojem khorem nanv, punn sogle mhaka 'Kudov' nanvan vollkotat. Dekun, fuddem kosle-i vichar kortanam tunvem mhaka Kudov mhonnlolo mhaka zai." Kudovan nomllayen sanglem.

"Borem tor, zoxi tuji khuxi. Tor Kudov, tuzo advogad konn?" Zuizan vicharlem.

"Mhozo advogad hanvuch."

Kudovachim utram aikun soglo lok ekmekakchea tonddak polleunk laglo, ani niti-ghorant uchambollay suru zali. Zuizan apli kaideachi hatoddi tin pavtti mezar dhaddaun, *"order, order, order.* Mhaka hanga ogeponn zai" oxem vaddoylolea avazan sanglem. "Zor tuzo konnuch xiklolo advogad nam zalear, tujean hi kes zhogddunk zainam," zuizan Kudovak sanglem.

"Mhaka dhorun haddlear ani eka chora bhaxen char konnxamni bond korun dovorlear az don mhoine zale. Tea vellar, mhoji kes fukott zhogoddtat mhonn sangunk sabar advogad ailole. Hanvem sogleank nakarle. Kiteak, poilea kortta khatir mhoje lagim don

mhoineancho vell aslo. Don mhoine mhonnche satt dis. Eka disak chovis voram. Ani eka vorak satt mintam. Hea satt dis minutamni ghalit zalear 86,400 mintam zatat. Ek chalto monis, eka mintak deddxem tim don'xim utram vachunk xokta. Tantuntlim to kitlim utram motint rigoyta tem zonn ekleacher asta. Punn hanvem tin disank ek vixoy patt korit zalear, advogadachem xikop korpi umedvar panch vorsam xikta tench xikop hanv don mhoineamni purem korunk xoktam. Ani hanvem toxench kelem. Dekun, hanv mhozoch advogad." Kudovan obhimanan sanglem. Hem aikun zuiz ojaplo khoro, punn tachea tonddar hanso-i khellunk vell lagunk nam.

"Tum sangta tem borem asa. Punn kaide asat te-ui ami pallunk zai. Ani hakach lagon amkam advogadponnachi ddigri aslolea advogadanchi goroz asa," zuizan sanglem.

"Sir, tum zuiz zaun-ui thodde kaide visorta. *Civil Procedure Code,* zachea promannem ek advogad kes zhogoddta, tachem *Section 36, order 3, Rule 1* hench sangta. Eka aropian apli kes advogad nastanam zhogddunk zata." Kudovan-ui aplo hott soddunk nam. Tachem aikun zuizan aple toklek hat laylo, ani tachea sangnneacher tannem niyall kelo. Korttant aslolo soglo lok hea vellar monantlean ghuspololo.

"Kaido asa khoro. Punn tuji kes zhogddunk amchean tuka koxi sondi dium yeta?"

"Soglench xikop ddigri gheunuch puro zainam. Monisponn ani promannikponn hem khub gorjechem. Hanvem fokot kaido kitem to sangla. Ani tumkam zai zalear tumchean mhoje hikmotichi topasnni

korunk zata."

Zuiz kaidea add vochunk sodinaslo. Soglo des taka vichar kortolo aslo. Khòrench hea mon'xak apli kes zhogddunk favo titlem ginean asa mhonn zuizan-ui desak asvasonn diunk zai aslem.

"Atam, thoddea vellan eka kuddant vinchun kaddlole zuiz, advogad ani kaideache her muniari Kudovak gheun bostole, ani tachea gineanachi porikxa ghetole. He tache porikxecho nikal, Kudovak apli kes zhogddunk kaideanchi kitli porian zannvay asa ti te amkam sangtole." Zuizan eke bhaxen nirnnoy ghetlo, ani "sod'deak hi kes tin horam fuddem vhelea" mhonn jahir korun zuiz aplea zagevelo uttun bhitor gelo.

Kudovak korttant thaun tea porikxechea kuddant vhelo. Ak'khea Bharot desantle kaideanche muniari asle. Ani he sogle Kudovachea gineanachi porikxa ghevpache asle. Sogliamni ap-apli suvat ghetli ani Kudovak modem bosoylo.

Thoim bosun aslole zuiz ani her monis matxe nervoz zalole, kiteak te oslea mon'xachi porikxa ghetale zannem kednach *court* hem utor aplea jivitant hea adim aikunk naslem. Kudov susegad, tonddar hanso haddun tanche modem boslolo. Oxem distalem, te Kudovachi nhoi punn Kudov tanchi porikxa ghevpacho aslo.

Ani oxench ghoddlem. Soglem ap-aplea bejeant aslolem xikop tachea fuddeant dovorun tea odhikariamni Kudovak vichar korunk suru kelem. Dekor zobab Kudovachea tonddantlean oxe ritin yetale, zoxem kitem taka tea soglea prosnache zobab

adim fuddench tachea fuddeant boroun dovorlole, ani to fokot vachpachem kam' kortalo. Hajir aslole samkech thottakle. Thoddeamni pustok-ui ugddun vichar kele. Punn Kudovachem unneponn sodun kaddunk tanche kodde ghoddunk nam. Xevttim, Kudovak apli svotachi kes zhogddunk favo ti tank asa mhonn tankam sogleank mandun gheunchem poddlem.

Sumar tin voramni Kudovak korttant ubo kelo. Zuizan aplo zago ghetlo ani survat keli. "Tor Kudov, tuji kes zhuzunk tuka mhoji porvangi asa, " Zuizan mhonnlem.

" Dev borem korum." Kudovan hanstea tonddan ani khaltea avazan mhonnlem.

Virodhi advogad aslo Advogad Daniel Fernandes. Ekdom' khoddegantt advogad. Ani Ghor Montriachea forsar to Kudovak khor kheast diunk sogli toyari korun ailolo. Zuizan virodhi advogad Danielak, tannem aple arop tachea mukhar manddche mhonn hukum' dilo.

"Ho monis zo tujea fuddeant ubo asa tannem khub zannank naddleat. Sorkarachem khub luksonn kelam. Ak'khea Bharotant akantvad ximpddavpi Songhottnnecho to bhageli asa." Advogad Danielan zuizachi porvangi gheun survat keli. Punn zuizak tachim utram avddunk nant.

"Suttavem korun sadea utramni sang." Advogad Danielachem ulovp addaun zuizan sanglem.

" Poilo arop. Tannem dotorponnachi koslich podvi va ddigri nastanam vokhdam toyar korun tacho vapor kelo. Mon'xache kuddicher tacho porinmam zala.

Dusro......... " Advogad Danielan Kudovache arop sangunk survat keli.

"Ek-ek korun aropancher ami bhasabhas korum-ia. He toren, aropia add manddlolo arop khotto kai sarko hacher niyall korunk aropiak-ui sompeponn melltolem." Zuizan advogad Danielak ulovpacho porot thamboun sanglem. Advogad Daniel Kudova fuddeant gelo.

"Tor Kudov, poilea aropa vixim tujem kitem mhonn'nnem asa?"

"Ho arop koso zalo? Hanvem oslem vokhod sodun kaddlem, zache udexim kosle-i piddek pekovnni mellunk xokta. Ani hakach lagun mhozo segred aikunk hea korttant he sogle dotor ekttovleat." Kudovan vokhda vixim mhaiti diunk nhoikar dilo ani apleavelea aropak virodh korun uloylo. Kudov advogadponnachem xikop kortanam, korttant manddlole gozaliche kortt purave sodta mhonn xiklolo. Ani ak'kho ganv tache borabor aslo. Tachea ulovpant taka konn-ui sangat ditolo aslo.

Advogad Daniel aplo arop sarko asa mhonn vhoddlean add'ddotalo. Purave dakounk tannem Voizuki Khateantle Odhikari *(Medical Authority)* haddlole tankam thoim ube kele, ani dotorponnachi podvi nastanam vokhdacho vapor korop ek guneav mhonn dakoylem. Korttantlea lokam modlo ek zannto dadlo ubo ravlo ani apnnak ulounk zuiza kodde porvangi magli. Zuizan taka sakxidarachea pinzreant yevn ulovp korunk sanglem.

"Zuiz saib, az ami unnech ek hozar lok Pen-de-

Tona ganvant ravtanv. Eka tempar amkam morunk thoimsoruch bond korun dovorlole. Tednam Devan dhaddlolo ek boddvo koso ho monis ailo, ani amkam te piddentlean vattaylim. Nam zalear, ami az jivim aschim nasleanv. Ami, hea ganvcho soglo lok hea mon'xachea rinnant asanv. Amkam vattayle mhonn haka kheast favo zata zalear, ami sogli hangach amcho jiv sompoytoleanv. Tednam ami soglim te piddenuch morun gelim mhonn somzunchem. Tednach hixeob borobor zatolo, ani amchea mornnam vorvim tumich hea mon'xavelem formonn nivarchem poddtolem." Tea zanntean ek koddok sakxi dili.

"Tum eka zuizak dhomki ditai? " Zuizan ragan vicharlem.

"Hi dhomki nhoi zuiz saib, ami sogle toxi toyari korun aileanv."

Hea utramni zuizachem kalliz haloylem. Kaideacho vhoddil zait, punn xevttim monisuch to. Tea zannteachea dolleantlean dukhanchim lharam denvtalim, ani tea bhair thoimsor aslolea lokanche-i dolle ole zalole.

"Tuzo dusro arop kitem?" Zuizan Advogad Danielak vicharlem.Advogad Danielan hatantli *file* ugddun ek chalti nodor te *file*-icher bhonvddayli.

"Dusro arop mhollear, sorkarache porvange vinnem hannem udkar cholpi gaddianchim injinam toyar kelim, ani tim ttrokachea dhoniank viklim. Tacher tannem faido zoddla ani sorkarak luksonn kelam. Hea injinam vorvim sorkarak kitlench *tax* mellpachem tem nam zalem."

Zuizan aplea voklantlean Kudovacher ek barik nodor ghunvddayli, ani apli tokli ubarun Kudovak hea aropacher bhasabhas korunk amontronn kelem.

"Kudov. Tujean he vixim tuje vichar manddunk zatat."

"*Senhor* zuiz, hanvem udkar cholpi gaddio toyar keleo. Tantuntlean khub duddu komayle. Punn ho koslo arop? Hantum sorkarak koslem luksonn? "

"Sorkarak dondd farik korinastanam tum hem-tem soglem bekaidean toyar kortalo. Tea bhair, udkacher cholpi gaddio rostear cholounk konnakuch odhikar nam," virodhi advogadan aplem tondd ugoddlem.

"Petrolachem mol disan dis vaddot veta. Ek gorib zo thodde duddu zoddta, to ordem pgar fokot petrolacheruch ogddayta. Ani oxe poristhitent, udkar cholpi gaddie sarkem ek novem tontr sonvsarant ailem zalear, ho faido konnak? Eka chaltea mon'xak. Osleo, udkar cholpi gaddio hea sonvsarak diunk augodd nhoi mhonn vhodd-vhodd izner zannant. Torui te lokachea faidea khatir bazarant osleo gaddio haddinant. Kiteak? Kiteak dusrea desantlean petrol yevpachem bond zait zalear, amchea montrianchim pottam koxim bhortolim? Hakach lagon vhodd-vhodd desanchea vhoddilamni oslea vostuncher bondi ghalea. Hanvem jem kitem kelam, tem gorib mon'xacho faido chintun kelam. Az sorkar *Green house effect* hacher amchem poryavoronn nitoll dovorunk kruttamni duddvancho khorch korta. Gaddiancho vikhallo dhunvor posorta toch aichem hem vatavoronn produxit zaunk mukhel karonn. Udkacher cholpi gaddi aili zalear amchea poryavoronnak ekdom'

faido zatolo. Vikhallo dhunvor yevpachi xoketay aschinam. Te bodlek sorbhonvtim nitoll oxijen bhair sortolem. Hench niyallun hanvem toslem tontr hea sonvsarak divpacho proyotn kelo. Zalear, hantum kitem vaitt asa?" Apnnacher manddlolo arop bhair marunk Kudovan lambadik spoxttikoronn dilem.

Kudov hem ulovp kortanam tachea utramni sot asa mhonn apnnak pottlolea porim zuiz apli tokli haloytalo. Tacher thaplolea guneanvant kosloch vaitt hetu nam, ani tannem jem kitem ghoddoylem tem fokot desachea boreponna khatir kelem mhonn mandun gheunk zuizak vell lagunk nam.

Zuizak tachea utramni sot disun ailam mhonn advogad Danielak-ui gomun ailem. Tednam taka pagerak farounk teach aropacher tannem aplem fuddlem mot manddlem.

"Udkacher cholpi gaddio hea somazak divpa fattlo tuzo hetu kitem-i asum. Punn tunvem kelea ti kornni sorkarachi porvangi nastanam ani dondd farik korinastanam kelea." Advogad Danielan sanglem.

"Sorkarache porvange vinnem ani dondd farik korinastanam hanvem hem yontr bazarant viklam. Ho guneanv hanv mandun ghetam ani tache khatir kitlo dondd bhorcho poddta to sorkarak farik korunk hanv kobul asam." Kudovan mandun ghetlem.

Fattlea don mhoineanchea kallant, svota advogadponnachem xikop kortanam, khubxe guneanvkari kosloch dondd farik korinastanam, bekaidean ho-to dhondo choloytale te vixim tannem vachop kelolem. Ani te vixim korttan je nirnnoy dilole

tancher-ui ek chalti nodor bhonvddayloli.

Tachea hixeoba promannem, bekaidean dhondo korpi guneanvkariank kortt kheast mhonn duddu farik korunk layta, te duddu tannim bekaideaxir zoddintlech, thoddech ttok'ke diunk zai asle. Ani sorkarache osle nitik lagun az kitlech guneanvkari be-kaideaxir dhonde choloytat ani tancho ankddo vaddot asa.

Dekun, tannem obhimanan apunn sorkarak duddu farik korta mhonn sanglem. Taka lagon advogad Danielak hea mud'deacher fuddem bhasabhas korunk ran mekllem naslem.

"Advogad Daniel, tuzo fuddlo arop kitem?" Zuizan advogad Daniela kodde vicharlem.

"Mhozo tisro arop sangche adim, *ATS*-achea ofisorak sakxidarachea pinzreant ubo korpachi porvangi magtam." Advogad Danielan zuiza kodde porvangi magli.

"Maneyotay asa." Zuizan mhonnlem.

Advogad Danielan thoddea *ATS* ofisorank sakxidarachea pinzreant ube kele. Tankam vichar kele. Jea-jea suvatancher bombank lagon nisonnton zavpachem astalem, va bomb uzar korunk vostuncho vapor kortale, tanchi mahiti adim fuddench tankam koxi melltali ti tannem kortta mukhar manddli.

"Ho monis konn to sampaddunk ami jitle-i pavtti proyotn kortale, title-i pavtti to amkam naddun pollun vetalo." Tea *ATS* ofisoramni sanglem.

Hea *ATS* odhikarianche sangnne uprant, advogad

Danielan zuiza kodde Inspektor Naikak-ui sakxidarachea pinzreant ubo korunk porvangi ghetli.

"Sogle purave mell'leat tea promannem, hi mahiti divpi monis Kudov mhonn hanv khatren sangtam," Inspektor Naikan korttak sanglem.

"Ho arop mhollear, hea mon'xacho som'bond desachea akantvadiam kodde asa. Dekun, khoim kitem ghoddta tem to bes boro zannam aslo," advogad Danielan zuiza mukhar manddlem.

"Tor amkam sangxi, hi sogli mahiti tuka khoinchean melltali?" Zuizan Kudovak vicharlem.

Kudovak tea vixoyacher bhasabhas korunk naka asli. Kiteak, kosle-i gozali khatir kortt purave sodta, ani hea aropa add zhogddunk tache kodde kosloch puravo naslo.

"Zuiz saib, hea vixoyacher hanv kitench ulounk sodinam. Kiteak, hanv jem kitem uloytolom, tem ulovp tumi mandun gheunche nant, ani kaim gozali mhojea desa add vavurtolea hanga asloleank faideacheo tharunk xoktat. Hea khatir tumkam zai tosli kheast mhaka favo korunk zata," Kudovan man khala ghalun sanglem.

Itlean ek ostori soglea lokam modlean cholun mukhar aili. Ti lagim pavtoch Kudovan ticho rupkar vollkolo.

"*Sir,* mhaka sakxidarachea pinzreant yevn ulounk porvangi zai." Tinnem zuiza kodde porvangi magli. Him utram tichea tonddantlean bhair soronam fuddem Kudov boroch ojaplo. Ti zaun asli pixi ostori, Mamta

Bahadur, ji taka Nepal astanam sampoddloli. Ani az ti chaltea-sadea mon'xa bhaxen vagtali, ani Konknnintlean uloytali. Zuizan tika sakxidarachea pinzreant ubi ravunk màneotay dili. Tinnem aplo zago ghetlo.

"Hanv *Special Agent* Vinita. *RAW - Research and Analysis Wing* Khateant vavr korpi." Tinnem apli vollok dakoytanam, aplem *identity card*-ui zuizak dakoylem.

RAW hem kherit Khatem, ani tacho mukheli Bharotacho Prodhan Montri. Ak'khea sonvsarantleo gupit khobro ekttaim korop hem hea Khateachem kherit kam' *(spying)*. Hea Khateant vavurpi mon'xak aplea karia promannem gorjecheo bhaso xikcheo poddtat. Somoz, Kudov kednam-i Konknnintlean dusrea kodde uloylo zalear, tachea utranchi somzonni mellounk hea gupit kariak Konknni bhas gorjechi.

Zuizan tichem *identity card* aplea hatant gheun barik pollelem. Uprant, tika aplem ulovp suru korunk hukum' dilo.

"Amkam khobor mell'li tednam, amchea Khatean hea karia khatir mhaka vinchun kaddli. Hea mon'xa sangata hanvem thodde dis sarle. Tache barik-barik hal-chalincher nodor dovorli. Ani khatren sangtam, tannem jem kitem kelam, tachea fattlean to ekloch asa." Vinitan sanglem.

"To pulisek itli sogott gorjechi mahiti ditalo. Ti taka khoinchean melltali?" Zuizan vicharlem.

"Hanv tachea vangdda astalim tednam, taka gomoynastanam ek dis hanvem taka *LSD* kemikal udkant misoll korun pivoylem. Ani hea nettar tannem

mhaka aplea jivitachi sogli kanni sangli," Vinitan gupit ritin keloli gozal ugti keli.

LSD mhonnche ek vokhod. Hem ek oslem vokhod, tem konnak-ui udkant misoll korun pivoylear, tachea kallzantlim bhavnam uchamboll zatat. Ek bebdo soro piyelea uprant sot uloyta, toxem hem *LSD* piyelea uprant konn-ui monis bhavnik *(emotional)* zaun aplea kallzant liplole ghutt zhankta. Fott ulovpi mon'xa koddchean sot bhair kaddunk, pulis hea upayacho vapor kortat.

Ek dis Kudov, Inspektor Naikacho zolm' dis somzun piyeun ailolo tednam Vinitan hem kam' kelolem. Tea vellar Vinita hi Anuskha mhonn somzun to Kudov Vinitachea gopant aslo. Tinnem udkant misoll korun taka *LSD* piyeunk dilolem. Ani teach nettar tannem aple sogle ghutt tachea fuddeant bhair kaddlole.

Kudovacher ek nodor firoylea uprant Vinitan fuddem sanglem -

"Tannem ek mexin toyar kelolem. Tacher taka, konn-ui duspott korpacheo vostu khoim dovortalo va teo vostu konn gheun veta tem soglem distalem. Ani hich mahiti to sorkarachea mon'xank ditalo. Hache vorvim, zaitea suvatancher vaitt zavpachem asa tem tannem vattaylolem. Oxe toren tannem amchea desa khatir boro vavr kelolo. Hi chitt amchea vhoddilachi. He chittir, akantvadiam kodde tacho kosloch som'bond nam mhonn boroylam." Vinitan aplea hatant asloli chitt zuiza kodde dili. Aplea sovem ghoddlolo ho ghat chintun Kudov ekdomuch bejar aslo.

"*I am sorry.* Tem mhoje kam' aslem." Vinitan

Kudovacher ek nodor marit mhonnlem. Tichea dolleantlean dukham gollunk laglim.

Vinitachea karia promannem, tinnem fokot tachea ghara bhair pixeachem dhong korun mahiti ekttaim korunk zai asli. Punn Kudovan tika aplea gharant zago dilolo. Ti onvollki astanam-i tika apleponn dakoun tichi kallji ghetli. Tea bhair, tika khuxal dovorunk tiche khatir khub vavurtalo. Dogaimni thoddech dis sangatan sarlole khore, punn tea thoddea disam bhitor Vinitachea kallzant Kudova vixinchem ek kherit natem utpon'n zalolem. Ani tem nateachem dusrem nanv 'mog.'

Tinnem apli tokli khala ghali, ani dukham vhanvoyt korttantlean dhanvot bhair geli. Ti zuizachea hatant asloli chitt, Kudov hea guneanvantlo inosent mhonn dakounk puro asli.

Zuizak tachem ontoskorn'n poilench gomun ailolem. To zannam aslo, ho monis desachem vaitt nhoi, punn desachea khorea mogan vavurpi aslo. Thoimsor korttant ubo aslolea Inspektor Naikan, apnnem taka dhorun thoim kiteak haddla tem chintun taka tachem bhitorlem mon khatalem. Zo monis fokot dusreachea boreponnam khatir vavurlo, tachi az kortt nit kortalo.

Zuizan virodhi advogada kodde tache add anik kosle-i arop asat zalear vicharlem. Advogad Danielan aple vattechean soglem somplem mhonn sanglem ani kesicho nikal diunk zuizak vinoylo.

Zuizan, aplo zago soddche adim, te kesicho nikal anik eka horan jahir zatolo mhonn hajir asloleank

kollit kelem.

Eka vora uprant zuiz porot aplea hok'kachea zagear yevn boslo.

"Aichi kes aropi Solomon Alvares va Kudov hache add asa. Tache add aslole arop advogadan hanga manddle. Tancher ami bhasabhas-ui keli. Korttacho nirnnoy oso asa - Kudovacher ghalolea soglea aropant tacho ekuch oprad sarko asa mhonn sid'dh zala. Ani te khatir taka pon'nas hozar rupiancho dondd farik korcho poddtolo. Urlolea soglea aropamni to niropradi mhonn kortt taka mekllo korta. Ani pon'nas hozar rupiancho taka dilolo dondd soddun, her koslench formonn dinastanam, to ek boro monis mhonn thavem korta." Zuizachea tonddantlean ho nikal aikotanch korttant khoxechim lharam usllunk laglim.

Doryachim lharam modench chalu zatat ani deger yevn futt'tat toxim him lharam korttant suru zal'lim tim ekach khinnam bhitor desbhor vochun futt'lolim. *TV*-cher vitrayloleo khobro az amchea desant ek vhodd nit zalea mhonn add'ddun sangtaleo.

"Kudov, mhojem tuje kodde ek magnnem asa. Tunvem kelolim ojapam khorench desachea faideachim aslim. Dekun, desachea boreponnam khatir hi teknoloji tunvem dusreank-ui xikoyloli mhaka zai." Zuizan korttantlean bhair sorun veche adim Kudovak sanglem. Kudovachea tonddar toch atm-visvasacho hanso aslo, zo tannem korttant bhitor sortanam utpon'n kelolo. Tednam sogleank oxem distalem, khorench Kudovak apnnacher puray visvas asa, ani to ek boro monis mhonn sid'dh korun sorkar taka suttka ditolo.

"Tor Kudov, amchea desa khatir dusreank-ui ti zannvay diunk tum toyar asai?" Zuizan Kudovak vicharlem.

"Nam, matui toyar nam." Kudovan sanglem.

Tachi hi zap aikun thoim aslolo soglo lok dukovlo. Kiteak, desa khatir vavurpi monis az desachea faideak poddpa sarkem ginean desak diunk nakartalo. Zuizan aplea tonddar kallok haddlo. Jea mon'xak tannem soglea guneanvantlean meklleponn dilolem, tannem tachea magnneak pallo diunk naslo. Punn tea korttant hajir aslolea kaim budvont mon'xank Kudovachea tea sangnnea fattlean tacho apsvarthi hetu aschonam mhonn khobor asli.

"*Senhor* zuiz, tunvem mhaka mhojea soglea aropantlean meklo kela. Dekun, tuka kherit dhin'vas. Punn atam hanv ulounk vetam tem ek nitoll sot. Fattlea don mhoineamni, kaim vhoddle monis, montri mhaka bondkhonnint bhettunk ailole. Ani hanvem hea sonvsarant laylolea sôdam vixim prosn-vichar korunk lagle. Khub zannamni khubxem kitem mhaka bhasaylem. Kitlech duddu mhojea fuddeant dovorle. Punn te vixim hanvem konnak kainch sangunk nam."

"Zait ghoddie hanvem sodun kaddla to upay oslo, zache vorvim bhirankull duensam borim korunk zatat. Ani he sogle dotor hanga korttant tache fattlo ghutt zannam zaunk ekttovleat. Hanvem tuka sanglam toxem, hanvem ho upay mon'xachea faideak sodun kaddla. Punn toxem nhoi tem."

"Monis mortale tednam tumi apoun haddlole dotor fokot tem duens koxem borem korchem hacher xikop

kortale. Tantuntlo eklo-i dotor 'hanv hea lokak vattaytolom' hea hetun vavr korinaslo. Sogleanchem chintop ekuch aslem - apunn tea duensachem vokhod sodun kaddtolo ani ak'khea sonvsarant man-podvi zoddtolo."

"Itlem marekar duens ailam astanam-i hanv tea ganvant bhitor sorlom. Kiteak, to mhozo ganv ani thoimsor tollmolltalo to mhozo lok. Mhojea mon'xank hanv koso morunk soddtolom aslom? Itlench nhoi, tea loka modem mhaka niticho rosto xikovpi ganvcho padri vigar-ui aslo. Takach lagon hanv kallzant thaun vavurlom. Mhoje motint hench aslem, mhojea lokank piddentle vattaunkuch zai asle. Ani hanvem tench kelem. Hakach lagon Devan mhojea koxttancho foll dilo. Ho ojapancho ghutt eka chaltea zhadda vorvim mhojeach ganvant mhaka ugto zalo."

"Dotorponn mhollear mon'xak duensantlean boro korpachem mon'xachea hatant dilolem ek dennem. Punn az khubxe dotor hem soglem visrun, zo konn vegim-vegim ani chodd duddu zoddta tankam apnnak sor korta ani vhoddponn zoddpachea fattlean dhanvta. Hakach lagon hem vokhod mhaka oslea apsvarthi dotoranchea hatant ghalunk naka."

Mhozo dusro sôd udkar cholpi gaddi. Ho sôd hanvem desacho faido chintun korunk nam, punn mhojea mogache axek lagon kelo. Poilech pavtt Devan mhojea noxibant ek cheddum dhaddlem. Jivitant kednach onnbhovunk zainam titlem dhadosponn hanvem tachea borabor onnbhovlem. Punn ek vell oslo ailo, taka apnnaunk sonvsara mukhar duddvanchi ras zai asli. Dekun, duddu zoddunk ani ekttaunk hanvem

mhoji hikmot uzar keli. Mog jikhunk hanvem kallzantli bhavna mhoje bhitor aslole huxarkayent misoll keli, ani hea ovixkarachea rupan hea sonvsara mukhar dovorli. Az jem hanv *green house effect*-acher uloylam, tache adim montrianchem komixnachi mhaka kainch khobor nasli. Hem soglem mhaka fokot fattlea don mhoineachea kallant kollun ailem. Tea vellar hanv fokot itlench zannam aslom, mhaka konn tori ravta. Itlench sangpachem asa, ho ovixkar mhollear kallzant aslolem mhojea mogachem boll."

Hem tontr sonvsarant haddtanam, mhozo onnbhov itlench sangtalo - ek izner vegim duddu zoddpachi axea soddun desachea faidea khatir khorea monan vavr korit zalear, ani hem soglem korunk amchea sorkaracho taka sohokar mell'lear, khorench osle ovixkar hea sonvsarant ghoddounk augodd nhoi. Ti udkacher cholpi gaddi ek vizmit nhoi, punn fokot ek vijneanik xikop. Tem hanvem xikovpachi goroz nam."

"He vixim anik ek gozal sangchi asa. Hea aropa vorvim mhojer marlolem formonn. Az korttan, hanvem hem soglem bekaideaxir ritin kelam mhonn sid'dh kelam, torui mhaka kheast mhonn pon'nas hozar rupia kaidean farik korunk sanglam. Tea mhojea tontra udexim hanvem bekaideaxir ritin kruttamni duddu ekttaylole ani tachem formonn fokot pon'nas hozar rupia farik korop? Hi nit nhoi, punn onit. Hakach lagon az amchea desant kitlech dhondekar choriam aplo dhondo choloytat. Kiteak te bes- bore zannant, kaideak sampoddlear-ui sorkar tankam kheast ditolo ti tannim nagoun zoddlole dovloticho fokot dhavo vantto astolo. Dekun, az mhojem magnnem tuka. Guneanvkariak kheast favo kortanam, guneanvachi gombhirtay

monant gheun kalla promannem formonn diunk nove nem' sthapche."

"Mhozo tisro ovixkar. Tachi somazak az chodd goroz. Khoincho akantvadi khoim bomb ghalpacho asa tachi adim fuddench mahiti zannun ghevop."

"Zacho hanvem kallzant thaun mog kelo, taka hanv apnnaunk pavunk nam. Noxiban veglloch khell dakoylo. Fokot ekuch dis ami khoxal jiyelim, ani Mumboi zalolea obghatant kosloch guneanv nastanam hea mhojea sangatiacho jiv kaddlo. Ekach khinnant mhozo sonvsar somplo. Tokler ragacho bhar aslo. Konnem marla tankam sompounk sodtalom. Punn tanchem tondd asa thoim mhoji nodor porian pavunk kottin asli. Kallzak zalolem duk itlem vhodd aslem, anik konnak-ui toxem ghoddchem nhoi mhonn akantvadiank sampddavpachem mexin toyar kelem."

"Az amcho sorkar kruttamni surokxeche vevosthecher duddu moddta. Tantuntle kitle zann aplem kam' promannikponnan kortat? Zaite zann duddvanche gulam' zaleat ani urlole allxi zaun apli sirvis fokot mhoineacho pagar ghevop itlench mhonn somzotat. Je konn thodde apli nokri kaidean korunk sodtat, tankam-i amche vhoddil cheptat."

"Ek Pulis Inspektor Pulis Khateant bhitor sorta tednam tache motint fokot itlench asta - apnnem ti pulisachi nokri gheunk montriak duddvanchi lonch diloli ti koxi ani kednam porot bhorun kaddchi?"

"Punn desachea dor eka vavraddian ap-aplo vavr kaidean ani kallzant thaun korit zalear, oslea kosleach mexinachi goroz poddchinam. Ani amchea desant

kednach konn akantvad ghoddounk pavchonam. Sogleak xanti astoli."

"Ani tum mhonnta oslea allxea mon'xank hem mexin di?"

"Sonvsarant novo sôd korop hem mhaka Devachem ek kherit dennem. Dekun hanvem hea sonvsarak anik ek yogdan dilem. Mon'xachi duk pois korpacho sôd Konn-ui dukint aslear taka sodanch khuxal dovorpacho. Az mhaka gomun ailem, hea sonvsarak oslea sôdanchi goroz nam. Kiteak ami mon'xam, Devan amche sovem vomplolem boreponn nhoi, punn amche sovem aslolem unneponn niyallun jiyetanv. Ani hinch chintnam amkam dukache tallnnient buchkollaytat."

"Mon'xachea jivitantlem duk nopoyt zalear to jinnecho orth koso somzotolo? Taka sukhacho rosto bandunk koxtt poddtat tacho thav mellchonam. Oxe poristhitent monis koslich fikir nastanam jiyetolo, ani jivitant koslich udorgot korunk vavurchonam. Sogle hetu nastanam jiyetole."

"Monis duka add zhuzon zoit melloyta tednach tea zoitachi goddsann to chakunk pavta. Dekun, jivitant sukha itlench duk-ui gorjechem."

"Punn zaite poristhitimni ami mon'xam svota addechem duk apnnaytanv. Amche chalik ani jivitak sobonam tosle attve proyog korpache proyotn kortanv, ani ami amkanch kallokachea konddant dukolltanv."

"Vaitt-borem Devache khuxe promannem hem sot apnnaun dor monis jiyet zalear rochnnaran tache sovem disa-dispottim kelolim ochoriam ani milagri to

sodanch vakhanntolo. Hache vorvim apunn kitlo noxibvont hem taka gomtoch, hech khinnam- ugddas korun, to sodanch khuxal astolo."

"Nepalak thaun mhaka hanga haddtanam amchem viman eka obghatak sampoddlem. Sumar don'xim lokacho jiv sonkoxttant aslo. Ani tankam vattaunk konna koddech kosloch upay naslo. Tea vellar, nimanno upay koso hanvem mhojem ginean uzar korun sogleank tea vignantlim vattaylim. Hea vellar zo upay hanvem uzar kelo, to fuddarak mhaka faideak poddtolo mhonn hanvem kednach chintunk naslem. Hanv lhan astanam mhoji maim hea sonvsarak ontorli. Tednam mhaka ticho khub ugddas yetalo. Ek dis amcho ganvcho padri vigar voir mollbar eka noketrak bott dakoun mhaka mhonnunk laglo – "hem tem noketr dista ti tuji maim. Ti porzollun, apunn sodanch tuje borabor asa mhonn khunnam korta." Tea disa thaun mhoje maim fuddeant vochunk mhaka khuxi zali. Dekun noketra vixim jitlim-i pustokam aslim, titlim-i vachun kaddlim. Ani xevttim, padri vigar mhaka jem kitem sangtalo ti fokot ek kanni mhonn kollun ailem. Punn hem mhojem xikop tea disa mhaka vellar faideak poddlem. Noketranchem margdorxon gheun ami surokxit ritin thikannear pavleanv. Zait ghoddie mhoje maimxim pavunk zai mhonn hanvem kallzant thaun xikop kelolem, ani takach lagon tea disa hanvem itlea lokacho jiv vattaylo."

"Az hi kes tumich toyar kelole kaide tumchea mukhar dovorun jikhlam. Mhaka mhojer puro visvas aslo, ani hanv mhojich kes zhogoddtolom tednam zata title upay hanv sodun kaddunk vavurtolom mhonn tharaylolem. Kiteak, hanv mhoje khatir zhogoddpacho

aslom. Hakach lagon fokot don mhoineachem mhojem xikop tumchea panch vorsanchea xikpa itlem hanvem korun dakoylem, ani hanv kes jikhlom."

"Kiteak hanv toso vavurlom? Mhoje khatir? Mhojea apsvartha khatir?"

"Dor monis aplea svartha khatir vavurta toso tannem desa khatir-ui vavrit zalear, amchea desant ani hea sonvsarant kitlench boreponn ani xanti vostoli. Punn aicho monis apsvarthi. To fokot apleo gorzo poileo ani magir dusreancheo hem chintun jiyeta. Kitlech zann az apnnak dilolo vavr khorea monan ani promannikponnan korinant."

"Hanv hem soglem kortalom tednam, hanv kitem kortam tachi mhaka kainch khobor nasli. Kiteak, mhaka hea sonvsaracheo chali khobor nasleo. Hanvem hem mhojea ganvam khatir, mhojea moga khatir va somazant dukovlole eke ostorie khatir kelem zait. Punn itlench zannam aslom, hanv kitem kortalom tem mhojea kallzacho avaz aikun kallzache kholayek thaun kortalom."

"Ani az mhaka, mhoje vorvim hea sonsvsarak kitlem boreponn ailam tem kollun ailem. Dekun, hem mhoje vorvim ailolem sompeponn hea sonvsarak diun hea desachea vavraddiank hanv anik-ui allxi ani apsvarthi korunk sodinam. Tancho vavr tankam korum-di."

"Punn kaim utram aiche pillgek sangchi goroz asa. *Knowledge is wealth.* Tumkam ghoddie mhojem chintop vegllench dislam zait, punn nam. Hanvem fokot chalto vixoy gheun tacher ek pavl fuddem

chintlam. Mhoji zannvay mhoji ghottay korun hem soglem kelam. Ani hoch ghutt vaprun az kitlea mon'xamni ak'kho sonvsar haloyla! Hoi, tich zannvay ji xikpa vorvim mellta ani hench tem xikop jem zonn eka bhurgeacho kaido ani hok'k."

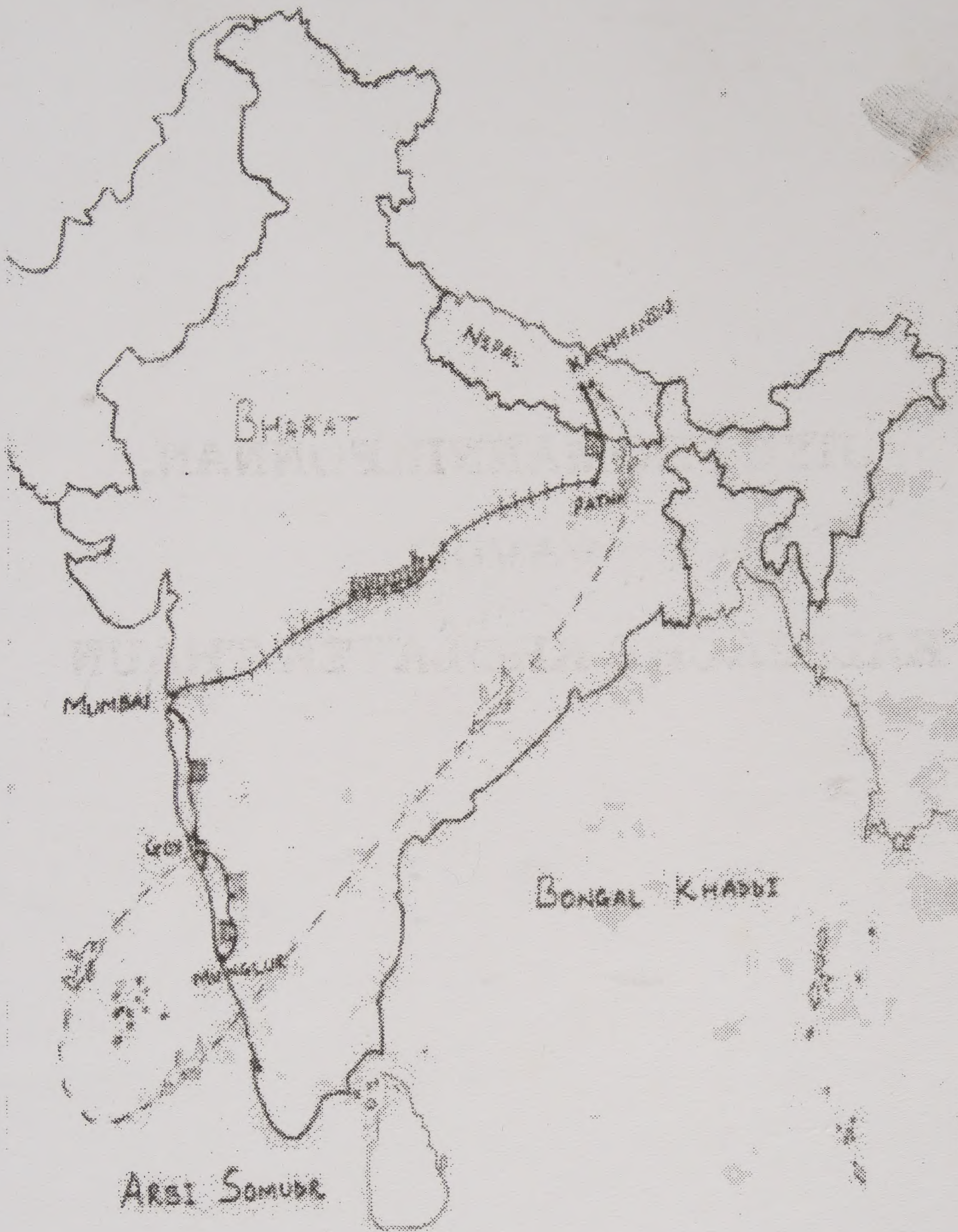
"Adlea kallar xikop fokot girest mon'xanchea bhurgeanchea noxibant aslem. Ani tem-ui zalear hea bhurgeamni kitlech tras kaddun iskolak vechem poddtalem. Konnem tras kaddle te mat az vhodd, nanvoste monis zaunk pavle. Punn aicho kall bodol'la. Xikop ghara-gharamni pavlam. Monis xikpachem mol zannam. Te bhair, kompiutor, *internet, TV* oslea adhunik tontram vorvim amkam zai toslea vixoyamni ani mollancher porzollit zaunk vatt meklli asa. Itlem sogott sompeponn amkam az mell'lam. Fokot zai ti itsa, kallzache kholayek thaun."

"Rochtolea Devan ghoddie sogleach mon'xank eksarkem ginean diunk nam zait, punn sogleank eksarkem kalliz dilam. Dor nagrikan aplo vavr kallzache kholayek thaun kelear, khoinchoch akantvadi va kosloch bhroxttachar amchea desak lagchonam. Fokot folladik ani faido mellpa sarkim ochoriam ami hea somzant rochunk pavtoleanv. Dekun, sodanch vavrat kallzache kholayek thaun," Kudovan aplo nim'nno sondex hangasor sompoylo.

Tachem hem ulovp somponam fuddem zuizan tallio pettounk suru kelem. Tachea sangata korttant aslolea lokamni-i tallio pettoyleo. Ani puray desant ho talliancho avaz aikunk yetalo.



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